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## Bond market registers record NIS 1.4b. in sell orders

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE bond market yesterday registered record-high sale orders of NIS 1.4 billion, reflecting withdrawals of nearly NIS 3 billion requested from the provident funds for September.

The huge over-supply of bonds, however, caused only moderate drops, 0.3% - 0.5%, in index-linked bonds, although market demand for bonds only reached NIS 42m.

Traders said most of the sell orders were made at a price limit, indicating that while provident-fund managers are interested in disposing of bonds, they do not intend to do so at any price.

Monday was the deadline for submitting withdrawal orders for next month,

and provident-fund managers said they received redemption orders of more than NIS 2.5 billion.

According to estimates, only NIS 0.5m. has been deposited in the funds so far this month. In the first seven months of the year, provident-fund redemptions have totalled NIS 5.1 billion.

Capital-market analysts blamed the deterioration in the bond market on the provident funds' recently registered negative yields. Since the start of the year, the funds have registered negative real yields of 1.5% - 3%. One analyst said Finance Minister Dan Meridor's saying on Monday that the "capital market is sick" caused even more panic.

"The public has lost its confidence in the capital market. People feel that if they do not exit the market now, they are likely to lose all their money," said one trader.

"Even the Bank of Israel and Treasury's 'security net' for the bond market has failed to end the crisis."

On Monday, the Knesset approved an amendment to enable the government to increase its sales of Treasury bills, so as to finance the Bank of Israel's purchase of bonds. The amendment is part of the Treasury and Bank of Israel's efforts to provide a safety net for the bond market. However, the Knesset limited the

amount of T-Bills the government may sell, reducing investors' confidence in the effect the security net can have in stopping the crisis.

The public's abandonment of the funds is widely attributed to the availability of relatively attractive short-term saving plans, which offer returns ostensibly higher than the provident funds'.

According to Treasury figures, more than NIS 800m. were deposited into various short- and medium-term saving plans in July, compared with withdrawals of NIS 943m. from the provident funds.

Provident funds, for decades Israel's most popular long-term savings instrument, are bank-managed plans which invest 90% of deposits in bonds and the remainder in shares. The money may be redeemed at any time at the cost of a 35% tax, and at no cost if withdrawn 15 years after the plan is opened.

Former finance minister Avraham Shohat yesterday said the root of the provident-fund crisis was at the Bank of Israel's tight-money policy, which has raised short-term interest rates to a level that makes long-term investment unattractive.

This was echoed by Ya'acov Sheinin, general manager of the firm Economic

Models. "The Israeli economy is now paying the price of the attempt to bring down inflation at any price," Sheinin said.

He said trying to subdue inflation by raising interest rates and manipulating the exchange rate had failed, and that there had to be a devaluation of over 10%, coupled with a reduction in interest rates.

At the start of trading, the capital market expected the Bank of Israel to intervene in an attempt to stabilize prices, but throughout the day it became apparent that there was no such need, as prices fell less than 1%.

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Hassan Salameh, (right), accused of arranging three suicide bombings earlier this year, appears in the Adurayim Military Court yesterday.

## Mordechai issues stern warning to Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday sternly warned Lebanon against allowing any deterioration in the security situation along its border with Israel.

The warning, made by Mordechai as he visited the security zone and met with troops there, follows reports that Hizbullah might have acquired long-range Katyusha rockets capable of reaching as far south as Karmiel and Haifa's bayside suburbs.

Mordechai, however, played down the reports, saying there is no concrete evidence of a new threat from Lebanon. But this did not prevent him from spelling out the consequences of any future attacks from Lebanon.

"As you can see, we are in the security zone, which is a vital area in the defense of northern settlements, and I want to reiterate from here and tell the Lebanese and the Syrians that it is an important security zone and we intend to remain here as long as there is a security need," Mordechai told reporters.

"We are interested - as the prime minister has stated several times, and as you know is my opinion from my period in the North - in Lebanon being the factor which promotes agreements with the Syrians."

"If an agreement is reached under which all the terrorist organizations are neutralized and disarmed, including Hizbullah, and the Lebanese Army will take responsibility and there will be an accord with Lebanon, the IDF would willingly withdraw from the security

zone," Mordechai said.

He stressed, however, that if this did not occur the IDF would remain in the zone and would make every effort to ensure the security of both the zone residents and the Galilee communities.

"Anybody who tries to disrupt life here should know that we will respond with all the power [at Israel's disposal]," he said.

Mordechai emphasized that Lebanon "and all those on Lebanese soil" would be responsible for IDF and South Lebanese Army retaliation for any firing or attacks on Israel from Lebanon. He did not mention the Syrian army specifically.

Mordechai also commented on Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak's statement that there are unconfirmed reports that Hizbullah had acquired 240mm. Katyusha rockets with a range of 40 kilometers.

"We do not know if there has been any change in the arms possessed by Hizbullah. We know that there has been a flow of weapons into Lebanon and also into the hands of Hizbullah," he said.

"I cannot say, however, and neither, I believe, can the chief of staff, the Foreign Affairs and Defense Minister, nor the OC Northern Command, that there are new or additional threats from Lebanon against Israeli territory," he said. "At the moment, these are just reports. When we have accurate details, we will take all the necessary measures. We are close-

ly monitoring all developments, including those involving weapons, in Lebanon."

Fighting continued in the security zone before and during Mordechai's visit to the region, with Hizbullah mortar attacks on SLA positions in the zone's eastern and western sectors. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire. There were no IDF or SLA casualties in either incident.

Meanwhile, the IDF Spokesman announced that representatives of the five-nation committee monitoring the understandings that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath will meet today in Nakoura, inside the security zone.

The statement said the committee would meet to hear Israel's complaint that Hizbullah had breached the understandings during an incident west of A-Taiheh in the zone's central sector on Tuesday.

The IDF Spokesman said that in the course of the incident, a Hizbullah squad fired from close range at a civilian car, killing a 50-year-old man. Later, Hizbullah gunners covered the retreat of the squad by firing mortars from the area of a school in a village in Karkaiya al-Jarsar, north of the zone.

Meanwhile, Syria and Lebanon yesterday rejected Israel's offer for a conditional withdrawal from southern Lebanon, calling it a gimmick that would not further Middle East peace.

"The 'Lebanon first' formula so far is propaganda ... a maneuver, more than a practical, serious and

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## Suicide bomber mastermind trained in Syria, Iran

Hassan Salameh remanded until end of trial

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

HASSAN Salameh, charged with masterminding three of the four February-March suicide bombings, underwent military training in Syria and Iran, according to the indictment read in the Adurayim Military Court yesterday.

The court remanded Salameh until the end of his trial.

The suicide bombers he sent blew themselves up on two Jerusalem buses and at a soldier's hitchhiking post in Ashkelon. Forty-five people were killed and 91 wounded in the blasts.

Salameh, who was captured by chance in Hebron in May, told the court he received orders to arrange the bombings from Mohammed Deif, head of Hamas's military wing Izzadin Kassam, to avenge the death of Yihye Ayyash. Ayyash was killed in January in the Gaza Strip by a booby-trapped cellular phone.

The indictment contains over 70 counts, including 45 counts of deliberately causing deaths, and charges he smuggled 39 kilograms of TNT and weapons to Israel via a hole in the security fence around the Gaza Strip.

Salameh told reporters that Hamas had no intention of influencing the Israeli elections and simply wanted to kill Israelis. He told the court that he was not afraid of the death penalty since his great hope was to become a martyr.

The court also remanded until the end of legal proceedings Salameh's partner, Raizek Rajoub, who also was captured in May. Rajoub is a relative of Jabril Rajoub, head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in the West Bank.

The court agreed to Salameh's attorney's

request to translate the charge sheet into Arabic, but turned down a request to transfer him to a regular prison, from his interrogation cell at the Shikma prison near Ashkelon.

As deputy to Deif, Salameh, 25, was the No. 2 fugitive on the security forces' wanted list.

Salameh is a resident of the Khan Yunis refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. He underwent military training abroad, and returned home about a year ago. He had been hiding in the West Bank since the beginning of the year and had, until May, managed to evade capture.

He was behind the February 25 suicide bombings on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus and the Ashkelon soldiers' hitchhiking post. He also organized the No. 18 bus bombing on March 3. Salameh himself recruited the bomber who blew himself up in the March attack.

## Arafat asks Clinton to put pressure on Israel

JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

PALESTINIAN Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has written a three-page letter to US President Bill Clinton calling for the US to put pressure on Israel, which Arafat says is turning its back on the peace process, according to Wafa, the PLO news agency.

The letter, sent yesterday, complains about Israeli plans for settlement expansion, its failure to redeploy in Hebron and its procrastination on opening a safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank.

"Arafat had said in a Channel 1 interview this week that he would turn to the sponsors of the peace process if Israel reneged on all or part of the Oslo accords."

As Congress is soon to debate allocating aid to the PA, Arafat's letter could be seen as a preemptive strike against the Israel's threat to ask Congress to veto aid if the PA does not close down three offices the government says are operating in Jerusalem in violation of the Oslo accords.

Arafat's letter hints at the possibility of summoning the Arab world to the cause of pressuring Israel if the US fails to take charge. The recent Arab summit in Cairo, he notes, "gave a second chance to Israel to continue with the peace process."

"We look to you to make Israel comply with the peace process and its obligations ... to achieve a lasting and just peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples," the letter said.

The US continues to believe that settlements are an obstacle to the



Maj-Gen. Oren Shohar (left) and Palestinian Authority Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi speak with reporters yesterday before resuming the Israel-PA discussions. Story, Page 2.

Burns said yesterday that the US Department Spokesman Nicholas Burns told reporters in Geneva yesterday during a visit by Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

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## Egypt denies intention to cancel Cairo economic summit

Regional representatives meet to plan November parley

DAVID HARRIS

THERE is no intention of canceling the Cairo economic summit, scheduled for November, according to the head of Egypt's regional economic negotiation team, Raouf Saad.

Saad, Egypt's deputy assistant foreign minister, met Monday and Tuesday in Cairo with senior economic representatives from Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Israel. It was the highest level economic meeting between the three countries and the PA, which comprise the Regional Economic Development Working Group (REDWEG), since Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's election.

"There has been no statement from Cairo that we won't hold the conference," Saad said last night. There have been increasing fears

Egypt would pull out of hosting the event, to be attended by 90 countries and 3,000 delegates. Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny earlier this month suggested that if Israel did not resume bilateral peace talks with the Palestinians, Syrians and Lebanese by September, the summit would most likely be canceled.

"There has been no decision to postpone," said the summit's organizer, World Economic Forum Director Gregory Blatt. "Egypt wouldn't achieve anything by giving ultimatums."

The establishment of three regional organizations should be announced at the event, Foreign Ministry Economic Department Director Oded Eran said last night. Agreements have now been reached by REDWEG members for a regional development bank (Full story Page 8), the Regional Business Council and the Middle East Travel and Tourism Agency.

Up to 10 major projects will be presented at Cairo by the four

partners. These include transportation, infrastructure, energy and tourism schemes spanning the Jordan Valley, Gulf of Eilat and Mediterranean coastline.

While in Israel this week, Blatt met Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his policy adviser Dore Gold for a "brainstorming session. The Israeli business community is very excited by developments in the region," Blatt said.

In addition to the keynote addresses by world leaders, 50 practical workshops are to be held during the three-day summit.

The main focus of the third regional economic summit, following those at Casablanca and Amman, will be on reforms in the region's public sector, financing the growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises and facilitating intra-company partnerships.

While saying the gathering will be an excellent opportunity for business between nations and private companies, Saad warned the conference is still an integral part of the peace process and "must not be seen in a vacuum."

## Iraq, Turkey sign trade cooperation agreement

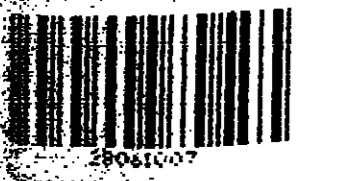
BAGHDAD - (Reuters) Iraq and Turkey yesterday agreed to improve political and economic ties, set up a gas pipeline between them and boost cross-border trade.

The agreement was signed for Iraq by Oil Minister Amir Mohammed Rasheed and Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and for Turkey by Justice Minister Sevket Kazan and Education Minister Mehmet Saglan.

"We have agreed ... to extend a gas pipeline [between Iraq and Turkey] with a total capacity of 10 billion cubic meters a year," Rasheed said in a speech after signing the agreement.

Rasheed also said that they had agreed that Ankara "would develop Iraqi oil and gas fields as well as developing Iraq's petrochemical industries."

Turkey wants to supply Iraq with food and medicine in return for importing Iraqi crude oil under an agreement Baghdad signed with the United Nations on May 20. This allows oil sales worth \$2 billion every six months to buy humanitarian supplies for its population.



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## Northern cities worried over possible threat from Katyushas

A NEW "confrontation line" forum was established yesterday by the council heads of Haifa's bayside suburbs, following reports that Hizbullah probably possessed long-range Katyusha rockets capable of striking the bay area.

The forum was initiated by Kiryat Motzkin Mayor Haim Zury, who met yesterday with director-general of the Prime Minister's office Avigdor Lieberman and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to discuss the potential threat.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told the Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee on Tuesday that the IDF had unconfirmed information that Hizbullah had acquired 240mm Katyusha rockets with a range of 40 kms.

This, in theory, would put towns like Karmiel, Safed and Acre, and parts of the bayside suburbs and its complex of petrochemical industries, in Katyusha rocket range.

Zury said the original announcement had been "like a bolt from the blue," although the reaction of the council heads in the region had been responsible and purposeful.

"First and foremost we have to find out whether this threat is real or not. There are those who say it is only theoretical," said Zury. "I

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asked the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office whether he had any further details, but he did not. He did, however, promise that if the reports are correct and the threat is real, everything would be done to assist us with whatever is necessary to meet the threat."

He noted that the potential damage and danger from Katyusha rocket attacks in the bay area was greater than in the communities on the northern border, primarily because of the region's chemical and petrochemical plants.

Zury himself opposed the building of an international airport in the bayside region for this very reason.

"We have decided to meet with the head of Home Front Command so we can learn how to tackle all the problems, and with our colleagues in the North who, unfortunately, have only too much experience with Katyusha attacks," he said.

Kiryat Motzkin and other towns in the bayside suburbs are carrying out an assessment of the number and condition of public and private bomb shelters and security rooms.

Ironically, Kiryat Motzkin

recently won an award for the exemplary state of its bomb shelters.

Zury stressed, however, that some of the older districts did not have shelters or adequate ones and there was also the problem of flooding, to which the region is susceptible in the winter.

Further north, in Acre, a similar assessment is taking place at the behest of Mayor Eli de Castro in the wake of the reported Katyusha rocket threat.

"The reports have not created any panic, but we are checking the situation and preparing a report for the defense minister, and we hope he will meet us as a matter of priority," said de Castro.

"If, God forbid, there were to be an attack it would find us unprepared. There are no shelters whatsoever in the old quarter, which has a population of 7,000 people, and the houses there were not constructed according to guidelines and would collapse like cards just from the blast."

"We also do not have bomb shelters for all of the schools and kindergartens, and those that exist are not big enough to take in all the children."

"The population of the city today is around 50,000 people," he said. "We have enough bomb shelters for about half."

## Haifa-area residents concerned but steadfast in face of threat

DAVID RUDGE

RESIDENTS of Haifa's bayside suburbs greeted the news that Hizbullah may have acquired long-range Katyusha rockets capable of hitting their homes with a mixture of concern and realism.

"I only have to think about the possibility and I get the shakes," said Kiryat Motzkin resident Ruth Epstein, who has three children.

"I remember only too well what happened and how we felt during the Gulf war Scud missile attacks, and it's not a pleasant feeling," said Epstein, who works at the fertilizers and chemicals plant near Kiryat Ata.

"We have a bomb shelter, but it is old and inadequate and I'm sure it is not big enough to hold all the families [living in the building]. It might be good enough for a few hours, but certainly not for days or a week. I just don't like to think about the possibility," she said.

"The problem in this case is that we are talking about a guerrilla organization - not a regular state army - which operates under the auspices of Syria and Iran," she said.

"Hizbullah is quite capable of firing Katyusha rockets at us, as it has shown in the North, and I don't see any way of preventing it," Epstein continued. "The question is really not so much the weapons, but to what extent Iran, and maybe Syria, would want to threaten us."

Ani Reuven, who lives in Kiryat Bialik with his wife Vered and their two young children, also expressed concern over the possible threat.

Nevertheless, he stressed that Hizbullah and the residents of Lebanon would probably have more to fear if long-range Katyusha rockets were actually fired.

"We have to keep things in proportion. At the moment this is just a threat, which in my opinion is part and parcel of the psychological war being waged against Israel," Reuven said.

"I see it as an attempt [by Hizbullah] to try and create panic among people, but that won't happen here. There's no panic now and I don't think there would be even if the threat was implemented. I'm sure 99.9 percent of the people would stay put."

"In my opinion, Hizbullah would have more to worry about. The IDF is 10 or 100 times stronger and more powerful and I'm sure the government, especially the present one, would have no hesitation in using that power if necessary," he said.

Levana Cohen and her husband Yitzhak live in nearby Kiryat Haim with two of their three grown children.

"From the emotional point of view, the potential threat is very scary, especially where we live with all the industry around," Cohen said.

"With all the tensions and problems we have in the country, this is the last thing we need. I only hope that the threat will never materialize and also that the people of the North, who have gone through enough, won't have to suffer rocket attacks any more in the future," she added.



British TV stars Abby Tucker and Emma Rosa, who star in 'Heartbreak High,' screened on Channel 1, visit the Western Wall yesterday. The two are here on a week-long trip. (Flash 90)

## Tsomet, NRP join forces to thwart Hebron redeployment plan

SARAH HONG

TSOMET and the National Religious Party have decided to join forces to foil the implementation of a Hebron redeployment plan, and Shas may also oppose any plan resembling the one formulated by the Labor government.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is due to present his redeployment plan to the cabinet this morning, and the issue will be deliberated today by the inner cabinet.

The NRP warned yesterday that the Mordechai plan sounds too much like the plan formulated by the Peres government.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu also faces opposition from within the Likud, most notably from Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin and Communications Minister Limor Livnat.

But the most potent opposition is the one posed by the NRP and Tsomet. NRP sources quoted

overlook the Jewish areas.

National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's position on the plan is not known, but it is believed that he might also join the opposition to Netanyahu.

This also might eventually be the posture adopted by Foreign Minister David Levy, if he ever returns to the cabinet deliberations.

Levy will be leaving New York today. He has been in the US since Sunday.

Since last week, he has not attended any cabinet forum, after threatening to resign unless granted a greater role in negotiations with the Palestinians. Although seen as relatively dovish in the cabinet, Levy might opt for a hawkish position just to irk Netanyahu.

Netanyahu aides stressed that he has not committed himself yet to any specific redeployment scheme and that he is open to suggestions.

## Issawiya residents threaten 'intifada' in response to demolitions

BILL HUTMAN

RESIDENTS of the Issawiya neighborhood in eastern Jerusalem warned yesterday of "renewal of the intifada," in response to municipal plans to demolish some 30 illegally built homes in the neighborhood.

On Tuesday, municipal crews tore down two homes being illegally built in Issawiya. Residents

labeled the move as a surprise.

But the city spokesman said the owners were warned in advance.

"What happened has made people very angry," said Darwish Darwish, head of the village council. "I feel that there will be a renewal of the intifada in the vil-

lage if this continues," he said.

Darwish said that 30 homes in Issawiya face demolition, and charged that the city is unfairly preventing development. The city spokesman denied this, noting that on Tuesday, illegal additions on two homes in the Jewish neighborhood of Ramot were also demolished.

## Amana: Squatters eager to buy third of government apartments in territories

EVELYN GORDON

OVER one-third of the empty government-owned apartments in the territories have already been populated by squatters who are eager to buy them, according to a survey by Amana, the settlement arm of Gush Emunim.

According to Aharon Domb, spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea and Samaria, there are 3,100 government-owned apartments in the territories.

The survey found that 1,156 of these are occupied by squatters, who have moved in gradually over the past four years, he said.

Squatters would prefer to buy their apartments if this were an option.

"It's a waste of money [not to sell them], since there are people who want to live there," Domb said.

Hever said the Treasury and the Housing Ministry have already decided in principle to sell the apartments.

However, no steps have been taken to do so yet.

Both Hever and Domb said the squatters are not concentrated in particular settlements, but could be found in almost every community which has empty apartments.

## Gazans protest land expropriations for road

SOME 150 Palestinian women protested yesterday in Rafiah against Israel's decision to seize dozens of acres for the construction of a road to the Gush Katif settlement bloc.

"Peace and settlements cannot meet," read banners held up by the women.

The demonstrators said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat should suspend peace talks with Israel.

They also said Arab countries should stop the process of normalizing ties with Israel.

Palestinian landowners received notice last month that Israel would seize 177 dunams of land for the construction of a new road leading to Gush Katif, at the southern end of the Strip.

"I have 12 children and if the Israeli government takes our piece of land, this means that we will go

to poverty," said Fatmi Abu Behi, the wife of one of the landowners. Shlomo Dror, spokesman for Israel's liaison officer on Israeli-Palestinian civilian affairs, said the Palestinians failed to show proof of ownership of the land. (Reuters)



Tour guide Mike Rubin (right) leads a group of American university students on a tour of the Golan Heights yesterday. The group is here on a Jewish National Fund on Campus mission, which is focusing on ecology and caring for the environment. (Joe Malcolin)

(Continued from Page 1) sound option," Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Boutez said at a joint news conference with his Syrian counterpart, Farouk Shara, AP reported. Shara termed the "Lebanon first" option a "fake proposal."

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which aims to sidetrack the peace negotiations. The aim is to push the peace process as much as possible off its right course," Shara said. Boutez reiterated Lebanon's call

for an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon, in compliance with UN Security Council Resolution 425.

Shara said Israeli preconditions radically contradict the implementation of Resolution 425, which he said calls for an unconditional Israeli withdrawal.

### BOND

(Continued from Page 1) A Bank of Israel spokesman said the security net "is operating" and the central bank "is following developments in the capital market."

One banker said provident-fund managers are taking advantage of the safety net's operation in an attempt to stabilize the market.

"They are placing sell orders in the hope that they will be able to sell at high prices," he said.

Itim contributed to this report

### PRESSURE

going back to the Israelis saying: "What is the prime minister's point of view and is this an official decision of the government, or are these just public sugges-

tions?" Burns said. "Obviously our position remains unchanged. We think settlements are complicating and unhelpful to the peace process."

The issue should be discussed in Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

(Continued from Page 1) in the West Bank and Gaza and many Jews would come and live there.

"What the United States is now doing, having heard all these public pronouncements, is we're

## Talks resume with PA

JON IMMANUEL

ROUTINE Israeli-Palestinian Authority talks resumed yesterday after an eight-month hiatus, with the first of a series of meetings on civil affairs.

Government coordinator Maj-Gen. Oren Shahor and Palestinian Authority Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi at first traded accusations of accord violations accumulated over the long absence, and the Palestinians brought up settlements and the closure.

Commenting on the Israeli approach, Oslo negotiator Hassan Asfour said "We are not talking about being insulted. Before we get a safe passage, we need one to get from our side of the room to theirs."

The safe passage between Gaza and the West Bank, a key component of the Oslo accords in 1993, was raised and quickly dropped yesterday as was the Palestinian complaint of Israeli violations in closing Hebron University and schools in the Ramallah area, in Zone B.

The Israeli team defined both as security rather than civil matters. Nevertheless, the talks included representatives of security branches, such as Jibril Rajoub, the PA West Bank Preventive Security chief.

"Of course we emphasized the security issue," said Shahor. Otherwise there was little in the talks to suggest a change of government had taken place in the interim. Both sides proceeded to deal with the issues pragmatically, he said.

The festive meeting in Jerusalem's King David Hotel included representatives from the Finance and Transport ministries.

The main decision taken was that Zuhair Khalaf, a Bir Zeit University lecturer, would be the Palestinian representative to the regional civil affairs subcommittee, making him the counterpart of Israel's civil administration head Brig-Gen. David Shahaf.

It was agreed that other subcommittees will meet on water, the environment and other issues, civil administration spokesman Peter Lerner said.

Today, Shahor and Tarifi are to meet near the south Gaza airport to discuss arrangements there on the new terminal. Next week they will meet at the Allenby Bridge to discuss the Jordan border crossing.

Israel requested the payment of medical debts to hospitals amounting to some NIS 16.2m. incurred when the PA referred patients.

To ease an emergency water shortage in Jenin, Israel agreed to supply 140 cubic meters an hour from Mekorot. Israel demanded the inoculation of cattle in the Hebron area infected with "Malta Fever," noting that the number of affected cattle has increased from 232 to some 500 in the past year.

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### Pact reached on J'lem school security guard funding

BILL HUTMAN

THE Jerusalem Municipality and the Internal Security Ministry have reached an agreement that clears the way for hiring guards for city schools, and averts the threat of schools not opening due to a lack of security, city and ministry spokesmen said yesterday.

The agreement calls for the municipality to foot most of the bill over the next two years for the additional funding required to hire security guards for city schools, with the ministry taking full financial responsibility afterwards.

Police agreed to the municipality's demand to provide a special contingent for this school year of 48 policemen and 17 patrol cars, to help the private security firms in charge of protecting school children in Jerusalem.

Earlier this week, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert had warned that city schools would not open because ministry budget cuts had left the municipality without funding to hire security guards.

The police are solely responsible for security in schools everywhere in the country except in Jerusalem, where the municipality, traditionally using funds provided by the ministry, hires security firms to guard schools.



Mikhail Baryshnikov will be performing tonight at the Roman theater of Caesarea. (Alan Ron/Israel Sun)

### Baryshnikov to make Israel debut in Caesarea

HELEN KAYE

SMILING, but a little wary, fabled dance superstar Mikhail (Misha) Baryshnikov faced batteries of cameras and questions yesterday, prior to tonight's performance by his White Oak Dance Project at the Roman theater of Caesarea.

"Dance is a matter of the soul," he told questioners who asked him how he felt at 48. "In terms of classical ballet I'm a dinosaur, but a modern dancer ages with the material. I enjoy dancing now more than ever."

On his first visit to Israel - "I've been trying to get here for eight years," impresario Zev Eizik says - the star hopes to have "time to visit with old friends and colleagues from my home town of Kiev and from the Kirov [Ballet of

St. Petersburg]."  
The company has arrived from Spain, where its open-air performance was rained on. Baryshnikov laughed when told that there was no chance of that happening during any of his three performances here.

The man whom critics have called the greatest dancer of the century now calls himself the first among equals in the 11-member, multinational, modern dance company he created six years ago with the help of US philanthropist and admirer Howard Gilman.

Its members' mentors are a who's who of contemporary US dance greats, such as Merce

Cunningham, Jose Limon, Mark Morris, Alvin Ailey and Twyla Tharp. The dancers are chosen for their adaptability to working in different dance styles.

The program includes works by Cunningham. Limon, young choreographer Craig Patterson "and her first dance by company member Ruthlyn Salomons," Baryshnikov said proudly, adding that White Oak was created "to do work we admire."

The public that comes to Caesarea expecting to see the Baryshnikov of the gravity-defying leaps will be disappointed, he said, "but we hope they will enjoy what they see, because good dance is good dance, whether it's ballet or modern."

### Police arrest two for slaying guard in Tel Aviv market

RAINE MARGUS

POLICE have arrested two suspects in connection with the murder of an unarmed watchman at Tel Aviv's wholesale vegetable market. The guard was stabbed to death around 8:30 yesterday morning.

The victim, Walid Ashur, of Jaffa, was murdered after an argument allegedly broke out between him and two Bat Yam vendors who wished to enter the market from Hashmonaim Street, where entrance is forbidden.

Ashur, 41, apparently refused to allow the men to enter. A verbal argument erupted. The men tried to enter on foot through another entrance but were spotted by Ashur, who told them to leave. The men reportedly shouted, "We'll show you!" drove off and

returned with a large knife used for cutting watermelons. One of them allegedly stabbed Ashur once in the chest. Ashur was taken by Magen David Adom ambulances to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, where he died from the wound.

The two men, aged 20 and 26, were arrested at the scene by two passing policemen. The men, who are well-known to police, will have a remand hearing tomorrow.

Ashur is survived by a wife and four children. He had spent time in prison for drug-related offenses. Ashur's 37-year-old sister, mother of four children, died from a sudden stroke only two weeks ago.

Jaffa resident and neighborhood activist, Solomon Mashrawi, said he knows the Ashur family well.

"Walid was released from prison only eight months ago, after serving a four-year term for drug dealing offenses," Mashrawi said.

"While in prison, he decided he had had enough of crime and began a rehabilitation scheme. Since his release, he went straight and was involved in organized drug rehab projects which kept him clean from drugs."

"It's a shame that just when he had started living a normal life, he had to be murdered this way," Mashrawi said. "He could have been killed a dozen times in the past when he was involved in drugs and crime."

### Girl nabbed for leading Beersheba gang of 13-year-old hooligan boys

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl suspected of leading a crime gang of 13-year-olds was remanded yesterday by the Beersheba Magistrate's Court.

The girl was arrested after she and the group of boys mugged a 14-year-old Eilat boy on Tuesday.

The boy was waiting at a bus stop in Beersheba to return home after spending some time in the city. The girl and four 13-year-olds surrounded him, and demanded that he give them his pouch, which was belted around his waist. The girl ordered her accomplices to "stab him if he refuses."

When the Eilat boy refused to hand over his pouch, the boys started to punch him and beat him. During the attack they removed the boy's pouch and his watch. The gang then fled the scene.

The Eilat boy complained to police, who quickly found the girl, who still had the boy's pouch in her possession.

The four boys were also arrested and confessed to mugging the Eilat boy, as well as to other crimes, including breaking into cars and setting fires at schools in the city.

Due to their ages, the boys were released and referred to the city's juvenile department. The girl is being held in a police lockup.

In another recent incident in the town, a group of youths robbed a pizza delivery boy. They ordered a pizza to a non-existent address, and when they saw the delivery boy searching for the home they jumped him and stole his money pouch. (Iltm)

### Hanegbi, Benizri set meeting to discuss Health Ministry tasks

HEALTH Minister Tzahi Hanegbi will meet tomorrow with his new deputy, Shas MK Shlomo Benizri, to discuss the latter's responsibilities. Hanegbi said last night he expected Benizri would be a "full partner" in managing the ministry.

Benizri had wanted to be a deputy minister under National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, but due to Sharon's strong opposition, the MK agreed to take the Health Ministry position.

Hanegbi has been very busy of late, having just been named chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Legislation, in addition to his other assignment as the cabinet's liaison to the Knesset.

His spokesman, Effic Lahav, said that though Hanegbi currently had "just one ministerial hat," he thought he was qualified to wear another - that of acting justice minister, following the resignation of Ya'acov Ne'eman. Asked how he could handle two major portfolios simultaneously, his aide said "we'll wait and see if it is offered." Hanegbi has a law degree. (Judy Siegel)

### Chief rabbis call for road safety awareness

CHIEF Rabbis Yisrael Meir Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron plan to call on the nation's rabbis to join in the war against traffic accidents, by asking them to warn their congregants to help save lives by being considerate and cautious on the roads.

The chief rabbis are to make this request at a conference taking place today in Jerusalem, which is to launch the traditional month-long pre-High Holy Days tour by the chief rabbis, who will attend revivalist rallies all over the country. Their main theme this year will be promoting unity between the secular and religious, and the war on road accidents.

The chief rabbis attended prayers in Hebron yesterday morning, where they were joined by thousands of other worshippers.

The IDF is to open a similar revivalist campaign today in a ceremony at an air force base in the North, to be attended by Chief IDF Chaplain Maj.-Gen. Gad Navon and other IDF chaplains. Thousands of soldiers will participate in the campaign, which will last until Yom Kippur. (Iltm)



Deputy Religious Affairs Ministers Yigal Bibi (left) and Aryeh Gamliel (with hat) meet yesterday in Jerusalem with Chief Rabbis Eliahu Bakshi-Doron (second from right) and Yisrael Lau. (Ezraim Klibnik)

### Gamliel, Bibi insist Reform Jews be kept off religious councils

HAIM SHAPIRO

A CLASH appears to be brewing over the issue of non-Orthodox representation on local religious councils, with the Religious Affairs Ministry determined to keep Reform representatives off the councils, and the Reform Movement just as determined to be represented.

At a meeting yesterday with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau and Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, the two deputy religious affairs ministers - MK Aryeh Gamliel of Shas and MK Yigal Bibi of the National Religious Party - both expressed their firm opposition to including Reform representatives on the religious councils.

The two deputy ministers did not make any reference to the Masorti (Conservative) Movement, but this is probably because Orthodox officials often

refer to all non-Orthodox movements as "Reform."  
Referring to such developments as the financial aid now given to the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College, Gamliel and Bibi said there had been many injustices perpetrated under former religious affairs minister Shimon Shetreet. The two said the Reform Movement should be represented in proportion to the number of its adherents here, and not in proportion to the frequency of its officials' media appearances.

Rabbi Uri Regev, director of the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC),

said that the Gamliel and Bibi apparently want to continue to emasculate Israeli democracy and the High Court of Justice in order to force the state to give in to their extremist and sectarian views.

"We'll see you in court," Regev said, noting that the deputy ministers' comments flew in the face of several High Court rulings that said people could not be kept off of a religious council solely because of their religious views.

Regev added that the IRAC was committed to using every legal means, including soliciting support from world Jewry, to fight what he called an Orthodox plot to take over the state and its financial resources.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Ministers agree on public housing parity**  
Public housing for the poor will be allocated equally between immigrants and veteran residents, with the Absorption Ministry allocating housing to immigrants and the Housing Ministry allocating housing to veteran residents.

An agreement to this effect was reached yesterday by Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, and Housing Ministry Director-General Meir Greenberg.

Edelstein had protested the criteria that Porush had initially set for public housing eligibility, which considered family size as well as income. Edelstein had said that these criteria were aimed at favoring haredim, who are more likely to have many children, over immigrants. (Jerusalem Post Staff)

**Police seek to extradite murder suspect**  
Dr. Amiram Hochberg, who was arrested last week in Switzerland on suspicion he murdered his girlfriend's mother and was involved in his girlfriend Shulamit Bleichman's disappearance, is still refusing to cooperate with investigators there. Efforts are being made to speed up his extradition to Israel. Hochberg's and Bleichman's 12-year-old son, whom Hochberg took with him to Switzerland, was returned here on Tuesday, and is staying with his uncle. (Iltm)

**Thousands pray at Machpela Cave**  
Dozens of buses brought thousands of Jewish worshippers to the Machpela Cave in Hebron yesterday, where they prayed in anticipation of Rosh Hodesh Elul, which is today and tomorrow. Every eve of the new moon is known as Yom Kippur Katan ("the little Yom Kippur"), and is marked by many with special prayers and even fasting. These observances are more widespread on the eve of the month of Elul, which is the month of intense repentance before the High Holy Days. The cave was closed to Moslem worshippers for the day. (Iltm)

**Holon man robbed of NIS 100,000**  
A 60-year-old man was robbed of NIS 100,000 cash in Holon yesterday morning, when he was attacked on the street by two men who hit him, grabbed his bag, and fled. The man, who suffered moderate injuries, was taken to Wolfson Hospital. (Iltm)

**Rare surgery performed on pregnant woman**  
A pregnant woman who suffered severe abdominal pain was operated on at the Rabin Medical Center-Hasharon Campus in Petah Tikva yesterday. Without interfering with the fetus, doctors used "key-hole" surgery to untangle a fallopian tube that had twisted itself around her ovary. The woman and the fetus are doing well. Without opening her abdomen, the doctors made tiny slits in the woman's skin and inserted a laparoscope to view her internal organs on a video screen. They noted that the pregnancy was normal, but that the fallopian tube and ovary were intertwined, causing the severe pain and threatening to cause a miscarriage. Using a catheter pushed through another slit, they managed to untangle the organs. (Judy Siegel)

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# Gunmen kill 11 worshippers in Pakistan

**GUNMEN** killed 11 people and wounded eight in an Independence Day attack on a militant Sunni Moslem procession in the Pakistani city of Karachi yesterday, police said.

The gunmen sprayed bullets at a cavalcade of vehicles taking supporters of the Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP) group to an Independence Day rally in eastern Karachi, police said.

"Most of the procession of cars and motorbikes had passed and the last few vehicles came under attack," said one police officer in Janshaid Road where the shooting occurred.

The SSP has long feuded with Pakistan's Shi'ite Moslem minority, especially the militant Sipah-e-Muhammad Pakistan group.

Police believe the killings were to avenge the shooting deaths last week of two prominent Shi'ite

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Moslem leaders in the eastern Punjab province.

Within hours of yesterday's shooting the leaders of Pakistan's Sunni and Shi'ite communities accused the other of fomenting sectarian violence.

No one immediately took responsibility for the massacre, but Police Superintendent Din Mohammed Baluch said it was religiously motivated.

The attackers drove up behind the crowd in at least two vehicles and started firing for several minutes, police said.

Afterwards frightened worshippers returned to the mosque and staged a violent demonstration. They burned tires, pelted vehicles with rocks and railed against rival

Shiite Moslems.

"It was a revenge killing, we know that," said Tariq Madni, information officer of the Friends of the Prophet. "It was absolutely carried out by our rivals."

However, no arrests have been made and police have refused to blame any particular group.

A spokesman for the rival Shi'ite Movement group denied any involvement in the killings.

Instead movement spokesman Hassan Turabi accused Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government of orchestrating the killings to divert attention from its political woes, particularly with the opposition of which he is a part.

Hundreds of paramilitary soldiers in machine-gun-mounted jeeps have been deployed outside the mosque and several vans packed with policemen in riot gear are patrolling the area.



Traffic officials inspect the scene of a crash after a collision between a goods train and a bus in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province on Tuesday. Eight people died and 34 were injured in the crash, which occurred at a rail crossing near rural Mtubatuba. (Reuters)

## One killed in Cyprus clashes

**DHERINIA (AP)** - Turkish troops yesterday killed a Greek Cypriot demonstrator and wounded 11 other people in the second fatal clash this week in the buffer zone of this war-divided island nation.

Police spokesman Glafcos Xenos identified the slain protester as Solomos Spirou Solomou, 26, from Paralimni, southeast Cyprus.

One of the wounded, he said, was a 59-year-old woman who was shot in the abdomen. The others included two United Nations peacekeepers and two Cypriot policemen.

Waldimar Rokoszewski, spokesman for the 1,200-strong UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus, told the state-run Cyprus Broadcasting Corp. that one soldier was wounded in the arm and another in the back.

He would not give their nationalities or elaborate on their condition but the official Cyprus News Agency said they were British. The agency gave no source for its information.

Cyprus President Glafcos Clerides, meanwhile, called for an urgent meeting later yesterday of the National Security Council to discuss the latest spate of violence.

Clerides chairs the council, which groups key cabinet ministers and political party leaders and debates issues of national security.

The violence flared inside a UN-policed buffer zone that splits the island into Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot sectors.

The development was likely to heighten tension between Greece and Turkey, two NATO allies whose relations have for long

been marred by friction.

About 300 demonstrators were involved in the new clashes. They came to the so-called Green Line to place a wreath and a Greek Cypriot flag on the spot where their compatriot, 24-year-old Tassos Isaac, was beaten to death on Sunday.

The stone-throwing crowd scuffled with police and UN peacekeepers and dashed to the Turkish frontline.

Turkish troops opened fire, killing one protester who was trying to tear down a Turkish flag.

Under heavy gunfire, the Greek Cypriots withdrew.

It was not immediately clear if there were any casualties in the Turkish-occupied area during the stone-throwing barrage. There also was no evidence of any gunfire from the Greek Cypriot side.

## Dole sets out on 'last mission'

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** - Republicans, in a convention showcasing their diversity rather than their conservative stance on social issues, headed toward the formal nomination of Bob Dole for the US presidency yesterday.

On what he calls "one last mission for the World War II generation," Dole, 73, is set to challenge President Clinton, who turns 50 next week, in the November election. Democrats will nominate Clinton at their convention in Chicago in two weeks.

Former Dole presidential rival Lamar Alexander said yesterday

that the convention has lifted the spirits of many party members, concerned about Dole's prospects.

"Last week, we were down. I never saw the Republicans across the country so worried," he said on Fox television, adding that the party's gathering has worked wonders.

Sources in the Dole campaign sought to squelch talk of early Cabinet picks to further boost his newly revitalized campaign, including former Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state. Dole was described as angered by the reports of campaign discussions on the topic.

But Powell, in a CBS TV interview, appeared ready after his widely applauded starring role on the convention opening night.

"If there is a Dole administration, which I expect there will be, I would consider anything that the president asked me to do," said Powell the morning after his rousing speech that set the tone for expanding the party's appeal to minorities and women.

Recent presidential candidates

have not announced Cabinet choices prior to election, but some Dole supporters are urging such a step to strengthen his appeal in the face of polls showing Clinton with a wide lead.

Dole, who has been pursuing the presidency for 16 years, was to be nominated in a roll call of state delegates to the Republican convention.

His pick for vice president, former Rep. Jack Kemp, also will be installed on the ticket.

The roll calls were no more in doubt than other events in a tightly scripted convention that reminded visiting former Soviet bloc journalists of old Communist party congresses for the lack of dissent or surprise in the outcome.

Republicans adopted a platform that includes strong planks against abortion and rights of immigrants as well as positions that would create a more nationalistic foreign policy with strengthened defenses.

But the made-for-TV part of the convention included little in the way of ultra-conservative ideas and much in the way of diversity

and openness.

The Republicans accused Clinton of stealing their conservative ideas, while Democrats lambasted Republicans for trying to look like Democrats.

Dole's wife, former Cabinet member and American Red Cross head Elizabeth Dole, planned to speak yesterday. Dole was not scheduled to appear until today, to deliver his acceptance speech.

Clinton was vilified by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas as "high-taxing, free-spending, promise-breaking, Social Security-taxing, health care-socializing, drug-coddling, power-grabbing" - and on and on.

Dole, while staying away from the convention floor, also took up the Republican character attack, declaring, "I have credibility, something that President Clinton lacks from time to time."

But campaign focus groups conducted during the proceedings showed that independent-minded voters and Democrats quickly tired of the relentless attacks on President Clinton.

## Truce hopes dim as shooting rattles Grozny

**GROZNY (Reuters)** - Sporadic battles still raged in Grozny yesterday but fighting eased in confusion over whether Russian troops and separatist rebels have agreed to end more than eight days of bitter conflict.

Residents said the Chechen capital was quieter than it had been since rebels attacked on August 6, but Russian helicopters circled overhead and unleashed rockets around midday, when the rebels said a ceasefire would take effect.

The rebels accused troops of rocketing a column of refugees fleeing the capital, killing many. The report was not confirmed.

The Russian military, which feels that previous ceasefires have played into the hands of the rebels, denied reports of a truce but said confusingly that it had agreed not to fire first and accused the rebels of ignoring the deal.

"We have confirmed to each other that we would suspend fire along the line of fighting to prevent people being killed," said Konstantin Pulikovskiy, acting commander of troops in Chechnya. But fighting persisted yesterday afternoon.

Pulikovskiy, who met rebel chief-of-staff Aslan Maskhadov, also told Interfax news agency:

"We did not reach agreement on anything." Rebel spokesman Movladi Udogov insisted Maskhadov had given orders to cease fire at midday.

"Despite this (Russian) statement, Maskhadov has clearly declared we will keep to our agreement and begin a complete ceasefire from 12 o'clock today," Udogov told Reuters.

"If the Russian side continues military operations it will be completely their responsibility and we will see who it is that is supporting the war."

Udogov told Russian news agencies the two sides were in radio contact and any truce violations would be investigated.

He accused the Russians of breaking the truce by attacking a column of refugees almost as soon as it was supposed to start.

"Today at 12.05 p.m. Russian aircraft launched a rocket attack around Grozny - at Gikalo and the 56th district of the city," he told Ekho Moskvy radio. Many died, he added.

From my vantage point in the nearby southwestern suburb of Chernorechye, I saw helicopter gunships circling overhead. One fired a rocket at 12.05 p.m. but I did not see its target.

## Professor steals from Vatican

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)** - A retired art history professor who pleaded guilty to eight charges in the theft of 14th century manuscripts likely will do time in prison, the US attorney said yesterday.

Anthony Melnikas of suburban Upper Arlington faces up to 64 years in jail or as much as \$2 million in fines. Prosecutors said he took six pages from libraries in the Vatican and Toledo, Spain.

A federal grand jury indicted Melnikas in January in connection with the removal of three pages from Francesco Petrarch's annotated copy of two ancient Roman treatises on farming and war.

Sargus said five independent appraisals placed the value of the manuscripts between \$120,000 and \$200,000. Other appraisals done by dealers of rare books had put the value as high as \$500,000.

Prosecutors, in exchange for the pleas, promised not to file further charges in the case. However, if more stolen documents are found, charges could be filed, said Mike Marous, an assistant US attorney.

"There are some extenuating circumstances in this case," Sargus said. "He promised restitution and admitted responsibility."

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# Summer's savvy bargain hunters shop early and often

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AUGUST is a great month for sales if you're not of average size. It's a month in which retailers are so busy trying to move stock to make way for new season's merchandise, that all the sizes which were almost impossible to get at the peak of the season, are suddenly coming to the fore.

Take shoes for instance. The most common sizes for women are 37 and 38. To verify that, ask any shoe store veteran. But at sale time, a 37 is almost impossible to find. And if there is a 37, you can bet your sweet life that it's a perpetual reject, lacking in both style and comfort.

But for women with either over-large or petite feet, August is a bonanza month. You want to buy elegant, genuine leather pumps in sizes 35 or 40 for only NIS99? No problem. You'll find them easily in almost every shoe store. Which makes life all that much more miserable for Ms Average, who desperately tries to squeeze into a size 36 and a half, but doesn't quite make it.

The same goes for suits and dresses, where average sizes are 40 and 42. Racks offer a tempting choice at irresistibly low prices, but if there are two or three garments in sizes 40 or 42, it's almost a miracle. Items in sizes 36 and 38 abound; and it's just as easy to find sizes 44, 46 and 48 which only a few years ago were well and truly absent from the fashion track.

The only consolation is that not all women with

average sized bodies have averaged sized feet and vice versa. So those of us who've worn ourselves to a frazzle trudging through shopping malls in search of a bargain dress will often come home with a pair of bargain shoes; while of some of those who went looking for shoes end up spending money on a dress.

But bargain shopping expeditions do not necessarily have to be fraught with frustration.

The important thing is to know where to go, and not to be too choosy about the neighborhoods or the premises where one shops. The goal after all, is to get the best value for money. On-site retail outlets of factory plants usually have the most variety at the lowest prices.

While many clothing factories are now located in Lod and Holon, the Tel Aviv sweat shops are still thriving, and most of the side streets between the Shalom Tower and the Carmel Market are packed with clothing enterprises where even Ms Average can pick up a bevy of bargains.

As for shoes, there's no place better than Jaffa. The shoes for which I receive the most compliments are a pair I picked up last year in a store near the clock tower. They cost me all of NIS49, and they've worn very well.

People who don't live in the Tel Aviv-Jaffa area can find bargains all year round in stores in religious neighborhoods, where prices are generally lower than elsewhere. But here too, Ms Average has to arrive very early in order to find her size.

THE onset of summer is accompanied by an upswing in travel and tourism. Complaints from vacationers, alas, multiply accordingly. Since government employees are among the holiday-bound, formal complaints to the Ministry of Tourism undoubtedly lie around collecting dust until after Succot.

Nevertheless, hang on to your receipts, and keep a detailed diary of injustices which ended up dashing your hopes of Rest and Relaxation. At least this way you'll have a fighting chance of receiving some monetary compensation.

R.T. of Jerusalem was looking forward to attending the wedding of a close friend in Safed. He was to be traveling to the event with another couple, and took it upon himself to make the necessary sleeping arrangements. The reception clerk at the Sheraton Hotel in Jerusalem assisted R.T. - not fluent in Hebrew - to locate a suitable place for him and his friends to spend the night up north.

After selecting the Tel Aviv Hotel in Safed (described by R.T. as "a bit more expensive than a hostel"), R.T. was glad to be further assisted by the clerk in booking two rooms for a few days hence. R.T.'s credit card number

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was provided to seal the deal.

On the day of the wedding, R.T. took a bus to Tel Aviv to meet his traveling companions. When he arrived, his friends told him of rumors that roads were being closed off in Safed, due to the Klezmer music festival, which happened to coincide with the wedding. R.T. immediately phoned the Tel Aviv Hotel in Safed, to ask whether these rumors were true, and if so, to be advised on how to arrive at his destination. The response made him to gasp.

"Oh, Mr. T!" said the man who answered the phone in Safed, "It's a good thing you called! The girl who made your reservation made a mistake, and we only have one room available and it's not a very nice one. Sorry."

"Sorry?" answered an incredulous R.T. "How could this happen?" To which the clerk added insult to injury: "We only have one room available and it's the worst room in the place. And with your tone of voice, I don't think I want you in my hotel anyway. You can go elsewhere!" However as R.T. was to discover after making several

urgent phone calls, "elsewhere" was not an option, since every other accommodation in the vicinity was already occupied with Klezmer Festival attendees.

To make a long story tragically short, R.T. and his friends never made it to the wedding. Tel Aviv Hotel owner Alon Berenson offered a slightly different version of the story: "I was there when the clerk broke the news to Mr. T," he said. "We had an unfortunate mishap having to do with malfunctioning air conditioners. Believe me, a person would swelter in one of those rooms without air conditioning. But we did offer him a good double room."

When I pointed out that "three's a crowd," and asked about the rude way in which the clerk addressed this wronged customer, Mr. Berenson claimed that it was the customer who had been rude. Apparently, he thinks that consumers who are being mistreated ought to mind their manners, so as not to offend their offenders.

Nevertheless, his respect for consumer advocate journalists remained intact. "In my hotel, no customer should be dissatisfied,"

he stressed. "If Mr. T. should come to stay here in the future, I will gladly give him a discount for any discomfort he may have suffered."

Somehow, one doubts that R.T. will ever take him up on his offer. There may have been no way for R.T. to have avoided this particular "discomfort." However, had he written down the name of the clerk booking his reservation, as well as the date and time it was made, the clerk might have been more careful about over-booking. (Anonymous mishaps are more easily covered up or denied.) Furthermore, the clerk might have phoned R.T. the moment the "mishap" was discovered, instead of waiting until his arrival, to break the bad news. Also, if complaints or potential lawsuits are to be credible, they must include great detail.

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# Jerusalem's famous Angel Bakery is moving out of Givat Shaul

LEAH ABRAMOWITZ

THE bread lines in Jerusalem are ending - to the dismay of locals. Angel's Bakery, long a landmark in the Givat Shaul neighborhood, has agreed to a city proposal to move to an industrial area and free its prime land for business construction.

Traditionalists will sigh at the latest sacrifice to modernization. For decades, people used to line up outside the bakery to buy freshly-baked products from the watchman. It was the place to go after a date, a concert or a late-night meeting. Long lines would form, even in the rain or snow.

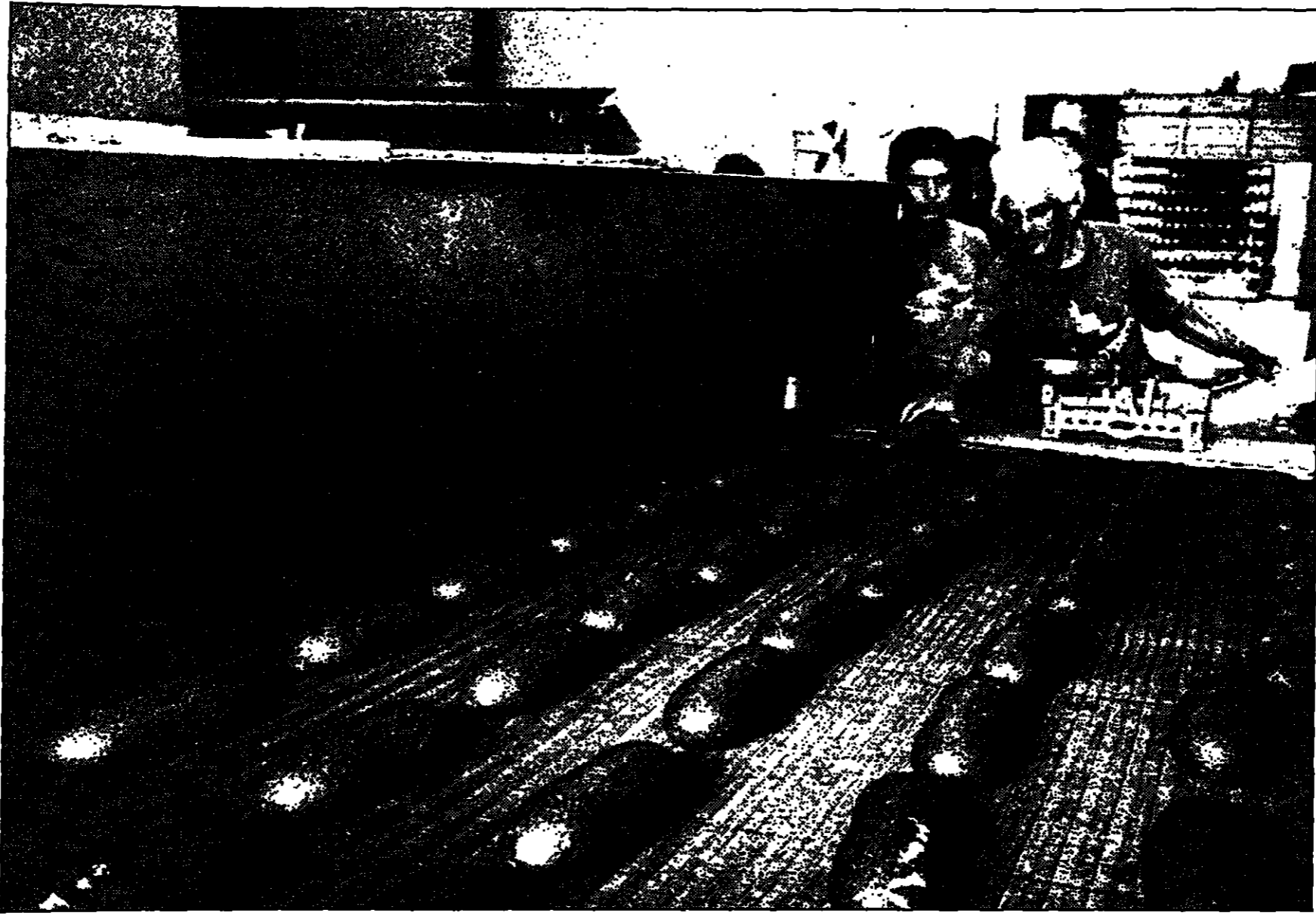
Owner Danny Angel describes the improvements since then: "Several years ago, my brother Ovadia had pity on the public and suggested we open a shop on the south side of the building. It was an immediate success.

"Then, about 10 years ago, Yigal, my nephew, suggested we sell cakes as well. I gave him a free hand and now there are 26 shops all over the country selling our products." Part of the chain belongs to the Angel clan and part is franchised.

The Jerusalem Development Authority's relocation offer of \$30 million will give the bakery an opportunity to march into the 21st century with a distinct advantage. It will more than cover the bakery's new 7,000-sq.m. ultra-modern plant in Lod, which Angel calls "the bakery of the future."

The Jerusalem bakery produces more than 200,000 loaves a day, 150,000 halot every weekend, and 150,000 rolls on eight production lines. In Lod, one line is already in operation and produces 4,500 loaves an hour. Fully automated and computerized, there are only seven workers required for one line (compared with the 550 workers now employed in the old plant). The bakery cost \$13 million to build. Angel traces the family history back to the Spanish Expulsion 500 years ago. He is an eighth-generation Angel in the Holy Land, but there are already 11th-generation offspring.

His grandfather and father imported food products from Australia. The mer-



The heavenly smell of Angel's freshly-baked loaves of bread will no longer be wafting through the old neighborhoods.

(Mike Goldberg)

chandise arrived in Port Said or Alexandria and came by rail to Jerusalem.

When Trachtenberg, a customer who owned a "modern" bakery in Bayit

Vegan, went bankrupt, Danny's father bought out the creditors and took over what became the Angel bakery.

"We had the only telephone in the neighborhood," recalls Danny, the old-

est son of six children. "We'd be the contact point for all the neighbors and even the Hagana. We also bought automatic kneading and weighing machines."

In those early years, the bakery produced 8,000 loaves a day and employed 25 workers. It supplied the British Army, yeshivot and monasteries, Arabs and Jews. "Our family lived in Talpiot

then. My father would go by foot every Shabbat afternoon to open the bakery immediately after the Sabbath," recalls the son.

Danny also remembers that the residents of Bayit Vegan used to warm their Shabbat *cholent* in the bakery ovens. Of course, there were often amusing mix-ups, especially if an Ashkenazi *cholent* ended up in a Sephardi household. The social life of the neighborhood centered around the bakery.

Danny served in the British Army during World War II, and this experience proved valuable later, when he became an officer in the Hagana. He eventually reached the rank of colonel and did not retire from reserve duty until 10 years ago.

The veteran industrialist married Vicky in 1947 and they had three children. During the War for Independence he was a sharpshooter in Katamon and established the Fuel Transport Unit, starting with donkeys that he conscripted from the Nahalat Zion neighborhood. "Those Kurdish peddlers only agreed to give me their donkeys after I donated our horse from the bakery," recalls Angel with a smile.

In 1955, he was sent to the American Institute of Baking in Chicago. He returned to Israel with a wonderful slogan for the business: "Eat bread and lose weight." "How is that possible?" everyone asked. "If you don't eat bread, you'll eat something else," was his retort.

Today, management of the Angel Bakery is largely in the hands of the younger generation. Danny, who resigned as director, still works a 12-hour day at the age of 77, despite the fact that he's had six bypass operations and a stroke.

His son, Ariel, was killed during the 1970 War of Attrition, and Danny's office is full of pictures of the boy. I'm active in more organizations than I can list, but I'll only join if I can contribute my services - not just my name."

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Uncivil appointments

THE government's decision last week to allow each minister to personally appoint without tender not only his or her ministry's director-general, but also that appointee's senior deputy, should alarm all clean-government supporters, regardless of political stripe.

Despite attempts to belittle the magnitude of what is truly at stake here - cabinet secretary Danny Naveh has argued that the decision only affects a few government jobs, among the dozens of others that are exempt from the tender process - or to conceal its ulterior motive, the government's motive is crystal clear: To expand the coalition's patronage and, while at it, clamp down on opinionated, professional and potentially trouble-making civil servants, who are too firmly screwed into the bureaucracy for this government to remove them.

The relationship between civil servants and politicians in Israel has often been shaky, but over the decades some healthy norms have developed. A middle way has evolved, which combines elements of the European system, where most bureaucrats are career civil servants whose fate is unaffected by electoral developments, and the American system, under which a change of administration is marked by thousands of personnel changes, highlighted by the automatic resignation of all ambassadors.

Ministers rightly choose their own personal staffs - a director-general, bureau chief and media adviser - and appoint a handful of mid-level officials. The rest of their staffs, in particular the professional spine of their ministries, is left untouched. As a result, despite four Likud-Labor handovers during the past two decades, there are numerous, highly experienced civil servants who have remained in government ser-

vice. These officials, as long as they stay impartial in face of shifting political sands, ultimately provide the kind of professional expertise and institutional memory that governments must have in order to function efficiently.

The decision to suddenly make even more political appointments rather than try to promote these professionals seems, like much of this government's performance so far, an exercise in hasty improvisation rather than part of a coherent plan.

Perhaps if Shas and the National Religious Party had not insisted on stuffing the Ministry of Religious Affairs with their own party hacks - mainly so as to ensure that neither party outswinded the other - this unfortunate idea might not have arisen in the first place. But the attraction of appointing not only a ministry's top bureaucrat, but also the second-in-line, apparently appealed to more than one minister.

If actually implemented, this resolution might - for instance - solve Foreign Minister David Levy's problems surrounding his desire to appoint his protégé, Ya'acov Bardugo, as joint director-general of the Foreign Ministry. Levy is said to agree that career diplomat Eitan Bentsur deserves to be the ministry's director-general, but insists on shackling to that savvy civil servant's foot an ill-trained and diplomatically inexperienced party activist.

Bureaucrats are often anathema to ordinary citizens, who frequently encounter in government corridors the kind of inefficiency and lethargy for which public institutions are notorious. But that does not mean there isn't an elite within the civil service which is worth nurturing. Showing these professionals aside in favor of political appointees will deal a blow to this government's image in the short run, and to the country's governance in the long run.

Tough talk in Bosnia

NATO's determination to confront the intransigent Bosnian Serb leadership and enforce the international community's formidable rights under the Dayton peace accord is a refreshing change from the ineffectual way the United Nations dealt with those who thought they could push around mandated peace enforcers. Under the Dayton accords, IFOR (the NATO implementation force) is entitled to inspect any military site in Bosnia. The Serb refusal to allow it to do so until this week severely threatened not only the current peace but the elections scheduled for September.

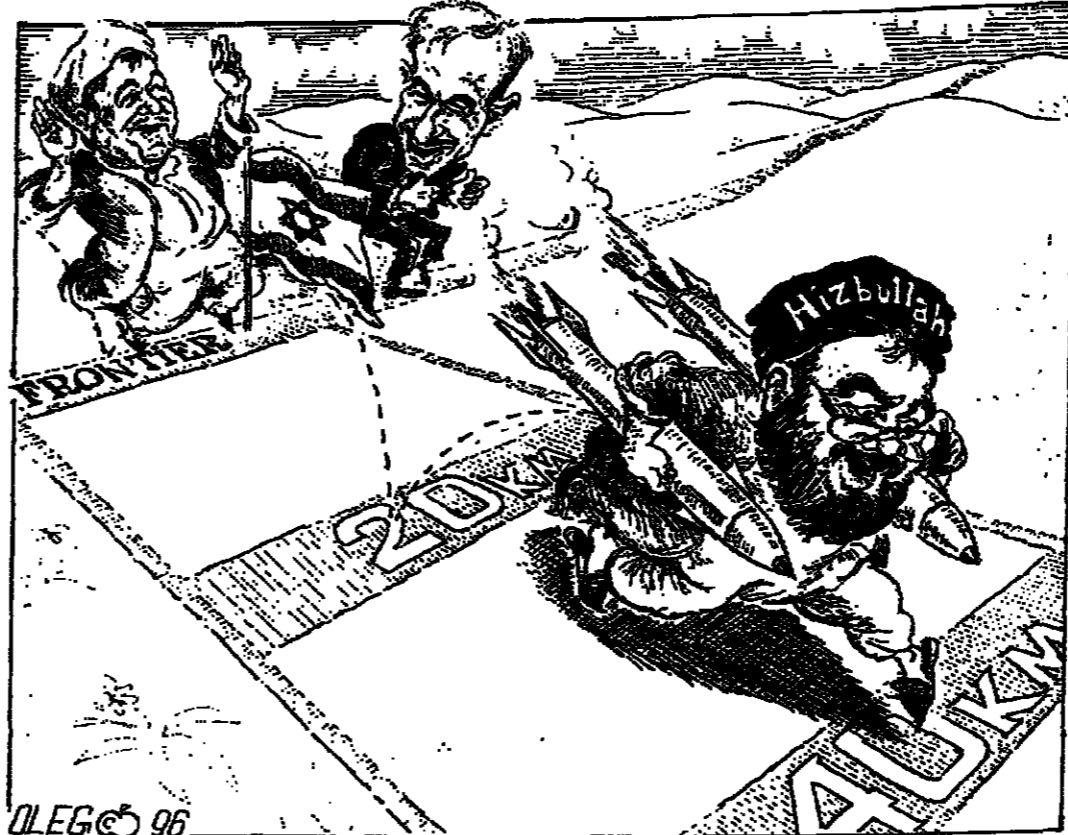
Aptly named Operation Fear Naught, to ensure all reluctant peace partners in Bosnia get the message, the operation was clearly based on the lessons learned from what the UN did wrong in Bosnia. IFOR first pulled out isolated NATO units and civilian agencies from the Bosnian Serb republic to deprive the Serbs of their tried and true option of seizing hostages. This time there would be no television footage of NATO soldiers handcuffed to fences around the Bosnian Serb stronghold. The Bosnian Serb leader's excuse that the whole affair had been "a misunderstanding" was an inadequate fig leaf covering the truth - Bosnian bullies understand only those who stand up to them.

Equally impressive was the agreement the presidents of Croatia and Bosnia reached yesterday to take steps to dissolve Herceg-Bosna, the virtual-reality statelet the Bosnian Croats set up within Bosnia. This has always been a piece of political nonsense and a serious stumbling block to setting up the Bosnian federation man-

dated by the Dayton agreements which divided the country into only two political units - the Moslem-Croat federation and the Serb Republic, both under a central Bosnia-Herzegovina government. Yet only a month before the first elections in Bosnia the federation remains a paper exercise with the Bosnian government in partial control of less than a third of its mainly Moslem mini-state. The proposed dissolution of Herceg-Bosna on August 31 is a welcome step to turning the Bosnian jigsaw puzzle into something which might have a future.

There are still plenty of loose ends swirling around which could tie the proposed elections in knots. Freedom of movement remains far from being guaranteed, efforts to return refugees home ends up in one confrontation after another, and it is clear the former combatants remain reluctant to give up their ideas of ethnically pure regions. Further down the line is the equal reluctance all round to draw a line under the past war by handing over wanted war criminals to the International Court of Justice.

Yet IFOR and Washington are correct in keeping unrelenting military and diplomatic pressure on all parties concerned, especially on the powerful ethnic "godfathers" ruling Croatia and Serbia proper in Zagreb and Belgrade. The elections will be flawed, but there is simply no alternative. If at least the skeleton of proper federal institutions is not sketched out in Bosnia, the country will stay partitioned into tribal enclaves. From there is just a short step back to war, especially if IFOR keeps to its schedule of being out by the end of the year.



The business of terror

President Clinton was not fooling around when he warned that he would continue to press his European and Asian allies to join with us in increasing the pressure on Iran and Libya to stop their support for terrorism.

Less than a week after Clinton signed legislation against foreign companies who invest more than \$40 million in Iranian oil and gas industries, Britain's Sunday Times carried a sharp warning of the way Teheran is building up a vast arsenal of chemical and biological weapons. Further proof of this was given by Jane's defense weekly which reported this week that Syria and Iran have the largest stock piles of these deadly substances in the Third World.

These are aimed at providing terrorists with a whole generation of terrifying tools of mass destruction to use against Israel and the US as well as other enemies of the fundamentalist Moslem countries. The Sunday Times declared there is a danger of water supplies being poisoned not only in Israel, but also the US as well as the rest of the world.

For the past few years this is precisely what Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and now Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu have been saying. Without even a shrug of their indifferent shoulders, the French, Germans, Italians, Japanese and other US "allies" have given the imams of Teheran a staggering \$30 billion of credit. This money has not been used for building hospitals, schools or raising the living standard of their people.

Instead, the Iranians have paid the Russians to build a nuclear reactor as the first step to creating atomic weapons. Italian, German, French and Italian industrialists, faced with a millions of restless unemployed, are supplying Teheran with vast amounts of raw materials and the tools to create chemical and biological weapons.

Using the CIA to supply western journalists with details of the dangerous ambitions of Iranians and Libyans, the US is ensuring that its message rings out loud and clear.

In this way President Clinton is demonstrating that even behind his tough approach of "asking our allies to join with us in increasing the pressure on Iran to stop supporting terrorists," there is today a clear sign of cold steel in the US approach.

The increasing evidence of TWA flight 800 being a victim of

URI DAN DENNIS EISENBERG

a bomb attack, and the growing awareness the US is now in the front line against terrorism, is a powerful incentive for Clinton, facing an election, to show that he can act tough when the safety of US citizens is at stake.

TO IGNORE Israeli calls for action against Iran and other terror supporting countries was no problem for European nations. What do they care if the Jewish state is in the front line against

As it has a greater investment stake in the US than in Iran, it knows where its profit interests are. The same applies to the Italian ENI conglomerate up to now heavily involved in the oil business in Libya. Like Total, ENI also has more at stake in the US. And when push comes to shove, profits come before waving the flag.

The Germans, Iran's largest trading partner, are a little more subtle than Parisian bureaucrats. They soft-soaped both the Israelis and the Americans by suavely claiming that they "can influence the Iranians" by doing business with them. With a flourish, Chancellor Kohl's aide Bernd Schmidbauer, after producing the bodies of Israeli MIAs Rahanum Elsheikh and Yosef Fink, hinted broadly that he might even find out something about missing IAF navigator Ron Arad.

Intelligence sources who monitor the world of high finance today calculate that as a result of the new US legislation, as much as \$10b-\$12b. of investment capital earmarked for use in Iran has now been frozen.

The US authorities are not only focussing their attention on applying irresistible pressure on companies who do business with Iran, Iraq and Libya, but are using other means to pinpoint precisely how Iran in particular physically employs the terrorists trained by their Iron Guard instructors. They learn their "trade" in Iran, in Lebanon's Bek'a Valley and in Sudanese camps.

To this day their FBI investigators, despite the lack of cooperation of the Saudi authorities, are still probing deeply into the bomb explosion in Dhahran in June in which 19 US soldiers died. No matter how long it takes them, they are determined to track down the culprits and punish them accordingly. To drive home their president's call for action, the FBI is broadening its activities, to include opening an office in Tel Aviv and in other countries so that it can come to grips more systematically with the terrorist world.

Today, quite clearly, the same meticulous effort will go into ensuring that foreign firms will be punished just as heavily if they try and do business with the mullahs of Teheran.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

European companies with Iranian trade ties want to stop US sanctions

Iranian-inspired suicide bombers and terrorists who could be armed in the future with biological and chemical weapons? Germany, for instance, sells \$1.6b. of its products, much of it of military use, to Iran. French sales total over half a billion dollars of equipment.

For the past two years the European companies, because of flourishing trade with Iran, have made vigorous efforts to dissuade the US from imposing sanctions on trade with Teheran. But with the backing of both Houses of Congress, the new Sanctions Act has left Europe in a quandary.

Breathing defiance, a French government spokesman grimly warned Clinton that he was creating a "dangerous precedent" with his new law and that France would protect its interests. Taking a high moral stand, its Foreign Ministry said: "The American legislation is against the principles of the World Trade Organization." We would like "principled" French mandarins to tell us: "Where are your principles in feeding terrorists with the means to use biological, chemical and possibly even nuclear weapons?"

That the French huffing and blowing was all hot air was demonstrated by the deep concern felt by Total, their giant concern involved with energy projects in Iran. Total appreciates more fully than a French bureaucrat how devastating a weapon Clinton has armed himself with.

Closed calls

JONATHAN BLASS

The question of Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan returns to the High Court today. But the current campaign to close it on Shabbat reflects an insularity contrary to that spirit of involvement with the entire Jewish public that enabled the religious community to exercise a positive and decisive influence over the outcome of the last Israeli elections.

No one believes that more Jews will observe Shabbat as a result of shutting the street to traffic or fewer will observe it if the road is left open. Halachically, driving on a bypass is as serious an offense as driving on Bar-Ilan. Reducing traffic in one neighborhood by increasing it in another does not improve the religiosity of Israeli public life overall. The debate is not over Torah observance in the Land of Israel. It is over comfort and convenience. For those who drive on Shabbat, it is not convenient to make a detour to avoid Bar-Ilan. For the residents of religious communities, it is pleasant to stroll on the street on Shabbat without having to dodge traffic.

So why the uproar? What issue of principle is involved here? Meretz's battle to keep Bar-Ilan open for traffic on Shabbat is based on its partisan interpretation of civil liberties as precluding any legislation based on Jewish religious values.

Religious groups in favor of closing the street on Shabbat contend that the very legitimacy of religious "life-style" is being challenged. If Tel Aviv's Rehov Dizengoff is closed on Friday night to traffic so that secular entertainment can be better enjoyed, the same consideration should be accorded to those who would enjoy Shabbat more fully with Bar-Ilan closed. Anything less, so the argument goes, discriminates against the concerns of the religious community.

But unlike closing off streets in an entertainment district, closing a residential area to all traffic for the entire Shabbat sets it aside as a religious neighborhood in perpetuity, where non-religious Jews will no longer choose to live. True, streets in front of some synagogues are closed during hours of prayer. But how many non-religious Jews will be willing to move into a neighborhood that is legally inaccessible to cars throughout all of Shabbat?

GHETTOIZATION, even when voluntary, establishing separate enclaves for religious Jews by surrounding them with legal walls that keep others out, is bad for religious and non-religious alike.

Whether Rehov Bar-Ilan remains open on Shabbat is not a religious issue.

It encourages complacency among the religious and limits the influence of Torah where it is most needed, among those who are not.

It should come as no surprise that religious isolationism has been enthusiastically embraced by those on Israel's Left who see it as complementing their own policy of "containment." Labor MK Ephraim Sneh, for example, supporting the closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan for part of Shabbat, added as a corollary that he would vigorously oppose attempts to keep businesses shut on Shabbat in Herzliya. This is because as a predominantly non-religious area it is entitled to maintain its non-religious character.

Sneh's comparison demonstrates that the debate over the role of Torah in Israel has been denigrated by the appeal to respect a local religious "life-style" from an ideological issue whose outcome will determine the future of the Jewish People, to one of cultural pluralism and regional "color."

In an age when most Jews are not fully Torah-observant, the comfort derived from locking out the unpleasant reality of how most Israelis spend their Shabbat is what religious people need least of all. As long as the sanctity of Shabbat is violated in Israel, it is right that our personal enjoyment of Shabbat be marred and our complacency be shattered by it. Identification with the nation as a whole undoubtedly hurts. But it is a positive value in itself and as the last election proved, it can move us to make things better.

The writer, rabbi of Neveh Tzaf in Samaria, heads Ratzon Yehuda, a rabbinical training program for graduates of Yeshivot Hesder.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE DRUG SCENE

Sir - After reading the cover stories in both your Magazine and Time Out sections of August 9, each of which glorified the use of either alcohol or illegal drugs, I was ready to cancel my subscription of 11 years to your otherwise excellent newspaper.

What stopped me was Lisa Friedman's timely and sharply perceptive article "Spot the pain" (August 12) about the new movie Trainspotting and its seductive and subliminal message about heroin. Her wise and sane words of warning must be heeded. The media must ultimately be held responsible for its messages.

I strongly object to your endorsement of and free advertising for pubs which cater to adolescents and for acid parties which only the seriously naive would consider harmless.

ELLEN JAFFE Jerusalem.

PRIMITIVE

Sir - In his article of August 2, Abraham Rabinovich refers to "the highly developed Canaanite civilization which the primitive Israelites overwhelmed." The Canaanites were immoral, polytheistic idol-worshippers whose "civilization" had humans bowing down before figures of animals. The Israelites introduced an abstract monotheism whose morality continues to challenge and inspire the world to this day.

So who's primitive? JONATHAN BLASS Neveh Tzaf.

DISGUSTING ATTACKS

Sir - In your editorial of August 9, you state that former Minister of Justice Ya'acov Ne'eman is the only one to emerge with a modicum of dignity from the decision to investigate him. I beg to differ.

The disgusting attacks on the judicial staff in the ministry of justice by the ex-minister have robbed him of all dignity. They also show a misuse of ministerial immunity. This immunity allowed him to allege misconduct by his staff without fear of reprisal or necessity of proof. The whole episode is unprecedented in our history and bodes ill for our future.

PETER HIRSCHMANN Haifa.

WAGNER'S MUSIC

Sir - Your reader, Betty Mischeiter, (Letters, July 28) is right that it would be absurd were the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to play Wagner's music.

However, I believe that Ms. Mischeiter is wrong in demanding that the prohibition should last only whilst survivors remain, to whom the sound of that music evokes memories of horror. The ban should be observed as long as there are Jews, i.e. forever. The enormity of the unspeakable barbarism of the "Master race" - whose inspiration was Wagner - demands the eternal exclusion of Wagner's music from Israel's concert halls.

JAY BENSON Tel Aviv.

SETTLEMENT POLICY

Sir - The conclusion of your editorial of August 1 that "settlement policy [should] be tailored to the government's vision of a permanent status agreement" is certainly correct. Your understanding of that vision seems incomplete, however, or you would not advocate merely thickening areas of current settlement.

The choice before the electorate last May was quite clear. While the party of Mr. Peres pointedly deleted opposition to an independent Palestinian state from its platform, Mr. Netanyahu urged autonomy as the form a permanent settlement should take. The revelations by Dr. Hirschfeld only confirm what was widely believed before the elections: that the Palestinians and the Peres team were prepared to settle on something like the Alpher plan (under which the Palestinians would get a state and Israel would get the 10 percent of the territories in which 70 percent of the settlers live). The electorate rejected the Peres vision, and the policy guidelines of the current government reflect that fact.

An autonomy with strong territorial integrity will inevitably be a way station to an independent state, if not in two years, then in 10 or 30. If autonomy is to be a truly permanent solution, then the settlement priority of the government should be to break up Arab population blocks. Adding Jews to the 10 percent area which seems to have been adequately settled already will not accomplish this.

DAVID HOFFMAN Jerusalem.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Dashing through the ... surf. No, this is not a leftover picture from last Christmas. These Santa Clauses were frolicking in Copenhagen a couple of weeks ago, in the heat of summer, at the 33rd World Santa Claus Congress. More than 120 Santas from 20 countries met to talk turkey. (Reuters)

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ONATHAN BLASS

# The Amos I satellite: Fun for the whole family

More than two months after the satellite's launch, Israel is ready to reap the benefits of expanded television, telephone and Internet services, Amy Klein writes



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**I**MAGINE a future where your teacher lectured from a video screen hundreds of kilometers away to 15 classes simultaneously. Where you would have to wait only 40 seconds to download a picture off the Internet. Where you could get cable, Channels 1, 2 and 3, no matter where in the boondocks of Israel you lived. With the new Amos I Satellite, you don't have to imagine. The future is here.

The lecturer - teaching calculus, conducting a business meeting, leading a national seminar - teaches through a video screen and can receive questions and comments from all locations via a computer console. The Open University conducts 15 simultaneous classes from Eilat to Tel Hai, as does the Ministry of Education for teacher training programs, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef for weekly study sessions, and a mechanics institute for technical training courses. Hospitals, banks and research centers have also begun to make use of the satellite for the continual transfer of audio, video, and written information, such as medical records, monetary updates, and seismological monitoring for a geophysical institute.

A personal cable dish eliminates this last step, beaming the information straight from the satellite to the cable dish. By bypassing the physical infrastructure, you avoid its limitations - like a bridge over traffic, saving time, money, and distance. For any Internet user who has spent hours waiting for the trans-

fer of a bulky file over the telephone line, the traffic and slow speed of the telephone can be avoided with a personal cable dish. Moreover, Netvision, one of Israel's main Internet providers, won't have to rely on Bezeq's phone lines for the dispatch of information to the World Wide Web.

"From the very first day, we never had a Bezeq line that worked all the time," said Nimrod Schwartz, Netvision's business development manager. "The Internet user in Jerusalem sends E-mail to the Jerusalem number, which then has to be transferred to our main line in Haifa via a telephone line," he explained.

"We now have an alternative and a backup with the satellite," said the head of Israel's Cable Confederation, Gustavo Treiber. Avital Telman of the Telecommunications Ministry acknowledged government interference: "The government prefers that the satellite is rented on the schedule and price range that they determine. Cable companies want a faster timeline."

Telman denied that the problems between Spacecom and the cable companies had anything to do with the government's \$15 million a year guarantee to Spacecom. The guarantee was assured to IAI before the satellite was built in the event that they could not find renters. Some speculate that these guarantees are a safety net that allows Spacecom to hold out for the highest bidder. The \$15m. a year aside, it is unclear what the government's involvement will actually be. For example, the satellite will allow many companies to bypass and compete with Bezeq services, causing Bezeq to lose money and clients. Bezeq is currently negotiating with Spacecom and will not comment, but it is clear that it will have to expand its services - to provide Internet and perhaps even television and cable services - in order to compete in the global telecommunications market. "The government will not regulate the competition," Telman said regarding Bezeq's de-facto monopoly until now.

## My husband's hobbies are crowding me out

DEAR RUTHIE  
RUTHIE BLUM



**D**EAR Ruthie, My husband is so busy with his hobbies that he hardly has time or energy left to work on our marriage. He is a great father, always including our two boys in camping trips, nature hikes, etc. so I can't complain. But he can't seem to get it together to go to a movie or socialize with our friends. When he is at home in the evening or on the weekend, he reads or does carpentry. As a result, I have been spending more and more time on my own. And I don't like it one bit. I also don't like camping or hiking; so if you are going to suggest that I join him in his escapades, don't bother.

annoyed because these passions exist without regard to the marriage, you must examine whether fighting him on this really serves your best interests. Achieving victory in marital battles often means "losing the war." After all, having large doses of a dissatisfied husband is not necessarily better than having a contented spouse sparingly. Another question to ponder is whether you have been neglecting passions of your own in favor of the marriage. Or whether you really want this marriage at all.

**Decision easier.**  
*Bumbling Old Bachelor*  
Somewhere in Israel  
Dear BOB,  
The question to ask yourself is whether you are prepared to forfeit the "new joy" in your life. This woman might just take a hike if you don't commit yourself to sharing a home with her. The fact that you have spent so many years alone indicates that "adjusting to another person" has been a source of difficulty for you for a good part of your life. Perhaps this even had something to do with your divorce. But the beauty of a union at your age is that the woman in question is undoubtedly no less set in her own ways. Though this may sound like an obstacle, it can be a bonus. For, rather than trying to mold one another as young newlyweds tend to do, the two of you can accept each other's "ways" as part of the territory. If you can discuss this openly with her, your fears might abate enough to enable you to try a joint living arrangement.

## The curious mystery of a vanished spy

**M**AZAL Saeil's husband paled when he read the newspaper article in 1975 accusing him of selling Israeli army-issued weapons to Palestinian terrorists. "They've buried me alive," she recalls him telling her. A year later, Danny Saeil disappeared. Mrs. Saeil has spent the years since, searching for her husband. First, in hopes of rescuing her marriage, then in hopes of ending it. Under Jewish law, a woman remains legally bound to her husband unless he ends the marriage or dies. This leaves Mrs. Saeil unable to marry again until her husband's fate is known.

Mrs. Saeil, 52, who believes she was victimized by the security services, lives with her parents in a small house in Yavne. There are no pictures of Saeil in his wife's bedroom. A worn orange-and-brown print shirt she bought for him years ago is all she has left of him. Mazal and Danny met in 1963, when she was 19 and he was 32, and they married six years later. In the early 1970s, the Iraqi-born Saeil became active in the Black Panthers, a group of Sephardi immigrants who protested against what they saw as Ashkenazi discrimination. Saeil led the group's militant wing, which advocated violence. He was soon trailed by Shin Bet agents who discovered he planned to sell arms to Palestinian militants. He led the agents to his Palestinian partners, who were arrested. Saeil left the country in January 1975. Journalist David Fisher, who spent three years talking to the couple's friends and intelligence officials in preparing the TV documentary, believes the Mossad then asked Saeil to spy for Israel abroad. According to Fisher, when Saeil was reluctant, the security

services released details of the arms deal to journalists to ensure Saeil could never go back to Israel. Mrs. Saeil, meanwhile, shuttled between Europe and Israel in 1975 and 1976, spending time with her husband in Madrid and Paris. She said she remembered seeing a forged Iraqi passport in the Madrid apartment. She never asked where he got the passport. She said her husband went to the Iraqi Embassy several times during their last months together in 1976. "He said that if he didn't find refuge in any other country, he would have to go to Iraq," she reminisces. Fisher believes there is a possibility that the Mossad wanted Saeil in Iraq as a "sleeper" agent. Saeil disappeared for good in August 1976. Earlier that year, he apparently already had spent some time in Iraq. Fisher said he had seen Israeli military intelligence transcripts of a radio broadcast from Iraq in which a Hebrew speaker, believed to be Saeil, appealed to

Iraqi-bom Jews living in Israel to return to Iraq. One of Saeil's fellow Black Panthers, Charlie Biton, said the radio broadcast from Iraq could be the key to Saeil's fate. "I think the Mossad assassinated him," said Biton, a former Knesset member. Yossi Melman, an intelligence expert, thinks it is more likely that Saeil assumed a new identity to leave his wife. Today, Saeil's name remains in the police computer as someone sought for questioning by the Shin Bet. An intelligence source said the agency had contact with Saeil dating back to the 1960s, but later lost touch. Mrs. Saeil's only hope for starting a new life now lies with Avigdor Feldman, a civil rights lawyer. He is preparing legal action seeking to force the dissolution of the marriage. "One day justice will come," Mrs. Saeil said. "I will be free and lay down at night in peace." (AP)

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Thursday, August 15, 1996

## Treasury, A-G to decide timing of Africa Israel sale

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

BANK Leumi will be forced to sell Africa Israel as one entity unless the Treasury and attorney-general approve the bank's request to postpone the deadline for selling its surplus non-financial assets.

Leumi has asked the Treasury for a six-month extension to the December 31 deadline for the sale of surplus non-banking assets as stipulated in the Banking Law, which limits banks' non-banking activity to 25%.

Sources close to Leumi say the Treasury favors the extension, since the extra time should help the bank obtain a higher price for Africa Israel's shares.

The Treasury's and attorney-general's decision will be made with the public's interest in mind.

Potential buyers, however, are pressuring the Treasury not to give in to Leumi's request, arguing there is no reason the bank should not be able to meet the deadline.

The five bids tendered for Bank Leumi's 25% stake in Africa Israel at the start of the week were lower than the bank's original expectations, which were based on a company valuation of about \$950 million.

The highest bid, apparently \$170m. by the Wertheimer-Zisser group, is based on a company valuation of \$680m.

Financial sources say all bids were lower than that of Italian insurer Assicurazioni Generali, which recently signed a letter of intent to purchase 40% of Leumi Insurance Holdings (Migdal) - a subsidiary of Africa Israel - for about \$1 billion.

Execution of the Migdal-Generali deal is subject to the spin-off of Leumi Insurance Holdings - Migdal's parent company - from Africa Israel Investments. Analysts estimate the value of Africa Israel after the spin-off to be about \$400m-\$500m.

Earlier this week, Africa Israel's board of directors received consultant Ya'acov Gadish's opinion on the spin-off and subsequent separate sale of Africa Israel Insurance Holdings. Gadish, who examined the implications of the spin-off on Africa Israel's business and shareholders, recommended to carry it out.

Should Africa Israel's board of directors vote in favor of the spin-off, 75% of the company's shareholders as well as Bank Leumi's board of directors would have to okay the decision.

If that happens, Bank Leumi would then hold a separate tender for the sale of Africa Israel, which would exclude the insurance holdings.

## Mideast develop. bank should open by November

DAVID HARRIS

THERE are strong signs the Middle East development bank, originally conceived by Shimon Peres, will be up and running in time for the Cairo economic summit in November, according to senior Egyptian and Israeli officials.

During this week's two-day Cairo economic meeting, attended by Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the PA, it was agreed to set up a transitional team by September to prepare for the bank's opening. The bank, to be located in Cairo, is meant to fund regional infrastructure and business projects.

The renewed optimism about the bank comes after the US Senate last week approved in principle the \$52 million requested for the bank by the Clinton administration.

However, this still has to pass

the appropriations stage, set for September 30, according to Foreign Ministry economics department director Oded Eran.

During his recent visit to Israel, US Undersecretary for Trade Stuart Eizenstat said he is unsure whether final congressional approval will be given before the US elections.

This will determine the timing of the bank's opening, according to Eran.

The Clinton administration wants the US to fund 21 percent of the bank's start-up capital, or \$260m., over the first five years.

The documentation necessary for establishing the bank was finalized during the Cairo meeting which ended Tuesday.

Confidence that the bank will be ready by the November summit was also expressed last night by Egypt's Deputy Assistant Foreign Minister Raouf Saad.

"The transition team may be in by September," he said. "The bank doesn't lack substance, it will just need a few steps in Cairo."

Strong support for an early conclusion to the issue came yesterday from the World Economic Forum (WEF). "There's a fairly good chance it will be ready by November," said WEF director Gregory Blatt, who met with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu earlier this week, and found a positive approach to the bank and other regional projects.

"The bank will play a valuable role in identifying and evaluating projects worth funding," said Blatt.

## Private consumption rises 8% in first half of '96

DAVID HARRIS

PRIVATE consumption expenditures increased at an annual rate of 8 percent in the first half of the year, compared to 7% in the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

However, purchases of family-owned durable goods, in particular private motor vehicles, shrank between January and June.

Early figures show the seasonally adjusted gross domestic product increased in the first half at an annual rate of 3% to 4% in comparison to the second half of last year.

In both halves of 1995, the annual rate increased by 7% on the equivalent figures in 1994.

Investments in fixed assets, including apartments, overland transport vehicles and construction equipment, grew at an annual rate of 14% in the first half, continuing the trend set in the second

six months of 1995, when investments rose by 7%.

Investments in apartment constructions increased at a yearly rate of 22% over the first six months, following a 6% growth in the second half of last year. However, the growth rate is the same as in the first half of 1995. In the public sector, the figure rose to 26%.

Investments in the various sectors of the economy grew by an annual figure of 11%, after a 7% increase in the previous six months.

Trade and service exports remained largely unchanged. This after consecutive increases since the second half of 1991.

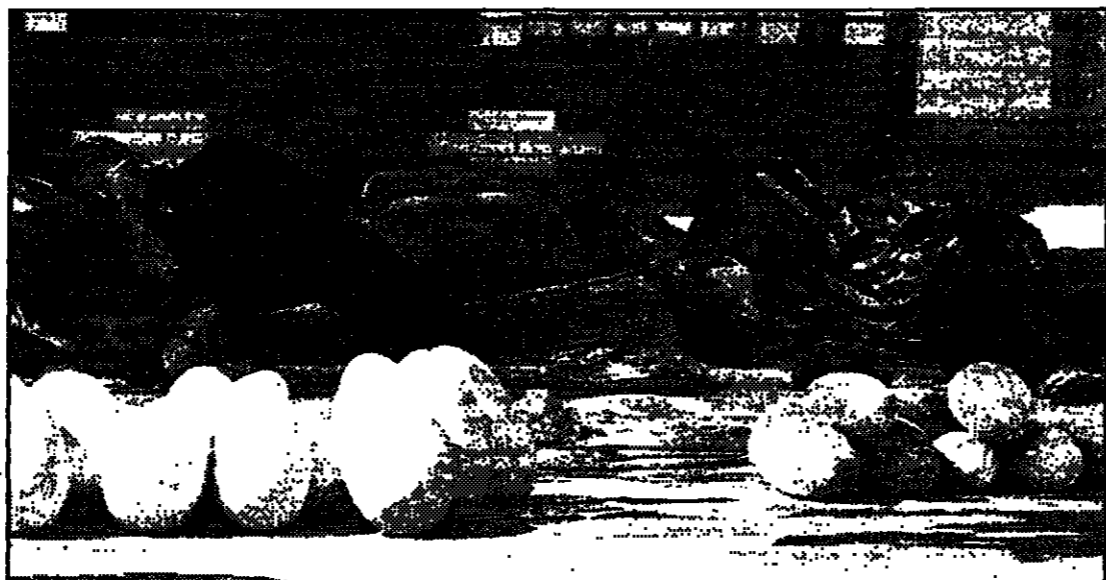
Trade and service imports, excluding ships, airplanes and security equipment, grew by a yearly rate of 6%, following consecutive rises dating back to June 1991.

## Trade with Jordan at \$2.6m. in first six months of year

DAVID HARRIS

IN the first six months of trade between Israel and Jordan, imports and exports totalled \$2.63 million.

Israeli exports reached \$1.7m., with imports fetching \$0.93m. The major exports were chemical products, textiles and mechanical machines. Israel purchased a similar range of goods from Jordan. "I wouldn't say I'm disappointed, but I think we'll have to call this just a start," said Zohar Peri, director of foreign trade administration at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.



Street vendors in Uzbekistan sleep in the shade in the street next to their melons. Uzbekistan, a former Soviet republic which became independent in 1991, is Central Asia's most populous state. (Reuters)

## Government favors PA industrial park straddling the border

DAVID HARRIS

THE government favors building the first Palestinian industrial park on both sides of the border between Israel and Gaza, a senior Industry and Trade Ministry source said yesterday.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky met yesterday for the second time in as many days to discuss proposals for a park at Karni in Gaza.

For two years, Sharansky's predecessor Micha Harish pushed for the park to be established entirely within Israel, but now, according to the source, there is a strong feeling the park should straddle the border.

As yet the Palestinians have not given their reaction to the suggestion, but like the Israelis and Americans are keen for the initial steps in establishing the park to be taken before the Cairo economic summit.

Locating the park across the border would necessitate it being managed by a private firm, which the source said would help solve the security issue.

A private sector operation also would prove more attractive to would-be investors, the source added.

If all parties agree to the cross-border proposal, the matter would have to come before the Knesset.

The American administration has already made it clear that it favors the park's first stage being built entirely within Gaza, with a possible second phase being added on the Israeli side of the border.

In a separate development, Sharansky yesterday called on his staff to draw up a comprehensive policy for dealings with the PA. There should be a better, more open trading atmosphere between the two parties, the minister said.

## Planning Authority to be told today of its disbandment

DAVID HARRIS

THE 35-year-old National Planning Authority's staff will be informed today by Moshe Leon, the newly appointed head of privatization in the Prime Minister's Office, why that agency is being dismantled.

The 13 civil servants, most of whom are economists, will present Leon with a document outlining reasons why they feel they are indispensable to both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and the government.

"We are convinced we have the ability to continue our work in the Prime Minister's Office and help the prime minister, and likewise other officials in the office, achieve their aims," the document says.

Staff at the authority, which offers medium- and long-term economic advice, were told of its closure last week, but were angry

they heard the news from journalists before receiving official confirmation of their fate.

While senior staff had expected such a move since the authority was transferred from the disbanded Economics and Planning Ministry at the end of last year, they still feel their services should be maintained in a new format within the Prime Minister's Office.

Authority workers argue their advice comes "from an all-inclusive, national perspective, as opposed to other ministries and sources, including the Finance Ministry and Bank of Israel, who present a more particular, though legitimate, view."

Whether kept on or not, authority staff will warn Netanyahu not to suppress long- and medium-term economic interests for the sake of immediate needs. This, they say, "would be likely to hit the foundations of the economy and society."

Leon refused to comment until after today's meeting.

## Tadiran quarterly profit up 86%

COMPANY RESULTS  
JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

TADIRAN'S second quarter net income rose 86 percent to \$53 million, compared to \$12m. in the corresponding period one year ago, the company announced yesterday.

Tadiran is Israel's largest electronics company.

The company develops and manufactures a broad spectrum of high-tech commercial and defense communications products, electronic systems, consumer appliances, batteries and computer software.

Total sales for the quarter, which were the highest of any quarter in the company's history, increased 17.8% to \$311.4m. from \$264.4m. in the same period last year.

In early morning trading, the company's NYSE-traded shares rose 3% from \$23.875 to \$24.75.

The company attributed the quarter's success to increased exports, which rose 15.7% to comprise \$141.7m. worth of sales in the second quarter, as well as to the public offering of the company's subsidiary Tadiran Telecommunications Ltd.

"The successful public offering of Tadiran Telecommunications Ltd. is an important milestone in our plan to become a specialized

initial public offering of Tadiran Telecommunications, versus pre-tax income of \$17.8m. in the second quarter of 1995.

Total commercial sales increased to 70.9% of sales versus 66.3% in the second quarter of 1995.

Exports of commercial products reached \$76.5m. versus \$56.7m. last year.

| ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS   |          |           |           |              |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (29.7.96)                 |          |           |           |              |
| Currency (deposit for)   | 3 MONTHS | 6 MONTHS  | 12 MONTHS |              |
| U.S. dollar (\$250,000)  | 4.750    | 4.875     | 5.375     |              |
| Pound sterling (£100,000)  | 3.875    | 4.000     | 4.125     |              |
| German mark (DM 200,000)   | 1.750    | 1.875     | 2.250     |              |
| Swiss franc (SF 200,000)   | 1.000    | 1.125     | 1.500     |              |
| Yen (10 million yen)   |          |           |           |              |
| (Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit) |          |           |           |              |
| Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (14.8.96)                         |          |           |           |              |
| CHECKS AND TRANSFERS   |          | BANKNOTES |           | Rep. Rates** |
| Buy  | Sell     | Buy       | Sell      |              |
| U.S. dollar  | 3.5143   | 3.5710    | —         | 3.5400       |
| U.S. dollar  | 3.1218   | 3.1722    | 3.06      | 3.1450       |
| German mark  | 2.1941   | 2.1981    | 2.06      | 2.1193       |
| Pound sterling   | 4.8348   | 4.8129    | 4.75      | 4.8700       |
| French franc   | 0.6155   | 0.6255    | 0.60      | 0.6201       |
| Japanese yen (100)   | 2.9952   | 2.9419    | 2.94      | 2.9161       |
| Dutch florin   | 1.8753   | 1.8656    | 1.84      | 1.8883       |
| Swiss franc  | 2.5986   | 2.6304    | 2.54      | 2.6277       |
| Swedish krona  | 0.4886   | 0.4772    | 0.46      | 0.4932       |
| Norwegian krona  | 0.4884   | 0.4843    | 0.47      | 0.4737       |
| Denish krona   | 0.5437   | 0.5525    | 0.53      | 0.5481       |
| Finland mark   | 0.7006   | 0.7119    | 0.68      | 0.7083       |
| Canadian dollar  | 2.2710   | 2.3077    | 2.22      | 2.2977       |
| Australian dollar  | 2.4348   | 2.4739    | 2.39      | 2.51         |
| S. African rand  | 0.8889   | 0.8970    | 0.82      | 0.7083       |
| Belgian franc (10)   | 1.0217   | 1.0272    | 0.99      | 0.99         |
| Austrian schilling (10)  | 2.9904   | 3.0387    | 1.00      | 1.0281       |
| Italian lira (1000)  | 2.0568   | 2.0888    | 2.02      | 2.12         |
| Jordanian dinar  | 4.5400   | 4.8400    | 4.34      | 4.84         |
| Egyptian pound   | 0.8900   | 0.9700    | 0.89      | 0.97         |
| ECU  | 3.9581   | 4.0200    | —         | 3.9671       |
| Irish punt   | 5.0174   | 5.0984    | 4.83      | 5.17         |
| Spanish peseta (100)   | 2.4755   | 2.5155    | 2.43      | 2.56         |
| *These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.           |          |           |           |              |
| SOURCE: BANK LEUMI   |          |           |           |              |

### BEZEQ The Israel Telecommunications Corp. Ltd.

| Tender No.  | Description                  | Option   | Last date for submitting bids | Cost of tender documents | Tel. for enquiries |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 23/96/910/1 | Standard telephone equipment | Additional purchase of up to 350% of the original quantity | 24/9/96                       | NIS 1,000                | 02-395614/5        |
| 23/96/914/0 | Mobile digital system        | Additional purchase of up to 30% of the original quantity  | 24/9/96                       | NIS 1,000                | 02-395614/5        |

- The tender documents may be perused at the offices of the Ordering Dept., 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, Sunday to Thursday. Tender No. 23/96/910/1: The tender documents are in Hebrew. Bids must be submitted in C.I.F. prices only. Tender No. 23/96/914/1: The tender documents are in English. Bids must be submitted in C.I.F. or F.O.B. prices.
- The tender documents may be obtained from the Ordering Dept. (address and hours as above). The tender documents will be provided on submission of a receipt for payment of the sum listed in the table above. \* In Israel, payment should be made into Bezeq's Postal Bank account no. 5-311757. \* Overseas suppliers should make payment into Bezeq's account no. 12-901-97633/64, at the Jerusalem main branch of Bank Leumi Leisrael. The fee for the tender documents is non-refundable. The receipt, with details of your company, and authorized trader's number may be faxed to 972-2-378113 (please phone 972-2-395614/5 to confirm that the fax has been received.)
- Pre-conditions: a. Parties submitting bids must comply with all laws, including the requirement to keep account books, be an authorized trader, hold valid licenses to trade, and comply with all relevant standard specifications. b. Willingness to provide a guarantee, as explained in the tender documents. c. Tender no. 23/96/914/0: Compliance with the "minimum" conditions given in the tender documents.
- No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid, or to order the entire quantity from one source.
- Bids must be placed in the tenders box at 15 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem.
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### MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Tender No. 101/96: Register of Suppliers of Development Systems for Client/Server Locations

Bids are invited for those wishing to be included in a register of suppliers of development systems for client/server locations.

- A. To be eligible to submit bids, companies must:
- Be registered in Israel and do business here.
  - Have sold and installed at least 50 development systems in Israel.
  - Employ at least 5 qualified employees who have at least one year's experience in the development of support systems for the program being supplied.

B. The following documents must be attached to bids:

- Certificate of book-keeping according to the Trading with Public Bodies Law (Book-keeping Requirements) 1578.
- Certificate of being a licensed trader for purposes of VAT, as well as all other documents and permits as given in the tender documents and the technical specifications.

C. Pre-conditions for participating in the bid: Paragraphs A and B above are pre-conditions for participating in the bid.

Last date for submitting bids: Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at 12 noon.

The tender documents may be obtained at the office of the Accountant General, Tenders and Buying Dept., Ministry of Finance Building, 1 Rehov Kaplan, Jerusalem, 7th floor, Room 714 or 715, between the hours of 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., until September 24, 1996.

Requests to have the tender documents sent to you may be submitted by fax (02-317778). You must include all the following information:

Tender no. \_\_\_\_\_ Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company name: \_\_\_\_\_ Licensed trader no: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (inc. zip code): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax no. \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. no: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your company's banking details: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bank: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch no: \_\_\_\_\_ Account no: \_\_\_\_\_

For further details, call 02-317418/28. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any bid.

### MINISTRY OF FINANCE - ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

Tender No. 102/96: Automated Stations for Credit Card Payments at Government Offices

Bids are invited for the supply of goods and services for government ministries and offices throughout the country.

The office of the Accountant General in the Ministry of Finance operates a system which allows payments to government ministries to be made by credit card. The Accountant General is seeking to lease or buy the appropriate electronic equipment needed to facilitate this service.

Last date for submitting bids: Thursday, September 5, 1996, at 12 noon.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Stocks rise despite bond market crisis

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET
FELICE MARANZ
Two-Sided index 175.01 +1.12%
Maof index 185.03 +1.60%

STOCK indexes rose yesterday after five days of losses, buoyed by better-than-expected second-quarter company earnings reports.

Gains were led by Koor, which rose 3.5% in Tel Aviv, after subsidiary Tadiran said its second-quarter net income quadrupled.

Koor's American Depository Receipts were up 3/8, to 17 1/2, in early trading in New York and Tadiran's ADRs were up 5/8, to 24 1/2, in early trading.

"Tadiran has an excellent report," said Gad Haker, head of the international department at Tel Aviv investment firm Batucha Securities & Investments Ltd.

"That's a reason for stocks to go up - on the fundamentals." The Maof index rose 1.60%, to 185.3, and the Two-Sided Index rose 1.12%, to 175.01.

Of 987 shares trading across the exchange, nearly twice as many shares fell as rose. Some NIS 62.7 million worth of shares changed hands, NIS 5.3m. above Tuesday's level and about NIS 5m. below this month's average daily trading level.

Other gaining companies reporting earnings included Makhteshim Chemical Works, which rose 5.75%. At the market's close on Tuesday Makhteshim said net income had risen more than expected.

Offers to sell shekel-denominated bonds, which reached their highest level in at least two years, failed to influence share prices.

Mark retreats, Euro bourses quiet

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"The Bundesbank attitude is crucial to this whole story," said a trader at a major British bank. "What we've seen clearly this year is that when the Bundesbank says enough is enough, the market reacts. Issing seems to be saying just that again today."

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"It doesn't feel like this is the top. There's no euphoria around. The conditions for a fall are when people are happy and feel they have to be in the market," he added.

Earlier, prices took a knock when bond prices fell on news that British July unemployment dropped to 7.6 percent against expectations of an unchanged 7.7 percent and the growth in average earnings quickened in June.

Key Representative Rates
US dollar ... NIS 3.1450 +0.35%
Sterling ... NIS 4.8700 +0.19%
Mark ... NIS 2.1183 -0.26%

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
Dow Jones Industrial Average ... 6082.48 +11.18
S&P 500 ... 448.12 +0.28

Other stock market indexes
FTSE 100 ... 3233.3 +5.9
Nikkei 225 ... 14113.28 +0.18

Israeli stocks in NY
Koor ... 17 1/2 +3.5
Tadiran ... 24 1/2 +5/8

Foreign financial data courtesy of CominStock Trading Ltd.
Futures, Options, Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds

US commodities
Cocoa (Sep) ... 1380 +11
Coffee (Sep) ... 119.3 +0.6

London commodities
Cocoa (Sep) ... 1019 -5
Coffee (Sep) ... 1884 +0.6

Spot market metals (US)
Copper ... 386.5 -1.26
Zinc ... 5.08 -0.10

New York metal futures
Gold (Sep) ... 369.8 +1.6
Silver (Sep) ... 5.045 -0.04

London metal fixes
Gold AM fix ... 367.15 +0.5
Silver AM fix ... 5.018 +0.3

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading
Commercial Banks: Yasa 517, Yasa1 517, Yasa2 401

Mortgage Banks & Finance
Adom 36999, Adom1 36999, Adom2 27

Financial Institutions
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ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

NEW YORK
AAPL 45.25 +0.12, AMZN 34.75 +0.12, MSFT 34.75 +0.12

PARIS
CAC 40 12500 +100, BNP 12500 +100, LVM 12500 +100

LONDON
FTSE 100 3233.3 +5.9, BHP 3233.3 +5.9, VOD 3233.3 +5.9

FRANKFURT
DAX 3233.3 +5.9, BAW 3233.3 +5.9, LHM 3233.3 +5.9

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US 10Y 6.50 -0.01, US 20Y 6.75 -0.01, US 30Y 7.00 -0.01

CURRENCY
USD/JPY 148.00 +0.10, USD/GBP 1.4800 +0.01, USD/CHF 1.4800 +0.01

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CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

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# Israel unimpressive in 2-0 friendly loss to Romania

ORI LEWIS

A GAME of two halves nevertheless ended up as a loss by two goals for Israel in their friendly international against Romania in Bucharest last night. The Israelis conceded a goal in each half, one a blunder by first-choice goalkeeper Ronnie Ginsburg and the second late in the second half when Rafi Cohen was left stranded, with the Israeli defense exposed. The way in which Israel played does not bode well for its first World Cup qualifying match against Bulgaria at Ramat Gan Stadium on September 1. And last night's match, in which three of Israel's most influential players — Eyal Berkowitz, Haim Revivo and Ronnie Rosenthal — were missing, exposed the differences between the Israeli national side and its rivals in Europe.

visitors looked sluggish and failed to create any moves to threaten the Romanian goal. The hosts, on the other hand, had little difficulty in creating chances and laying siege to the Israeli goal. The breakthrough came in the 19th minute when Ginsburg failed to collect an 18-meter shot from the right by Dorniel Monteanu. Adrian Ilie then pounced on the loose ball and drilled it into the back of the net with ease. The Romanians continued to pick and choose their angle of attack, due to the lack of Israeli cohesion in the midfield.

Coach Shlomo Scharf pointed out afterwards that his players are weaker and slower than their rivals in the qualifying group, but he said he was fairly pleased with the way the side is warming up for the game against the Bulgarians in just over two weeks' time. The Romanians were also under strength for last night's match, but that took nothing away from their dominance in the first half. The

of Itzik Zohar in the second half, and he was made the target man of many of the midfield's moves. Zohar's class was partially evident as he combined well, particularly with Alon Hazan to cut through the Romanian defense. Ronen Harazi had the best chance of any Israeli to score when he received an excellent ball from Zohar, recovered his posture after being challenged by a Romanian defender and shot past Florin Prunea in goal. The ball hit the upright. The Israelis began to look sharper and there were many more moves being put together, but they didn't quite have the fin-

ishing power that is needed to score. A second good move that came to naught occurred in the 68th minute when Hazan broke through the middle, but was again too hesitant to complete a good pass that would have set up a scoring chance for Tal Banin. While the Israelis were building their attacks, the Romanians were prepared to sit on their lead and wait for an opportune moment to pounce. Time and again they produced a breakaway move after the Israelis threatened, but on each occasion the shot either went astray or the visitors' defense managed somehow to scramble to the rescue.

Finally the hosts finished their scoring when, in the 81st minute, four passes saw the Romanians get into position to set up Gheorghe Craioveanu for an easy shot from the edge of the area past a stranded Rafi Cohen. With nine minutes remaining, Scharf brought on Eli Driks as new cap Yossi Abuksis in a futile effort to experiment. Scharf had promised radical changes in the Israeli side's style of play with a 3-5-2 formation, but it would appear as if he needs a lot more practice if he is to get it right for the far tougher tests that await.

## Berkowitz comes home

Maccabi Haifa and Israel soccer star Eyal Berkowitz will not be playing with Southampton after all. The midfielder, who was hoping to follow in Ronnie Rosenthal's footsteps by becoming the second Israeli to play in the English Premiership failed to close a deal with the south coast club and is coming home to Maccabi Haifa.

On returning to England last week, Berkowitz had thought the deal to be closed, after Maccabi Haifa and the English club had agreed to terms for his transfer.

But on Tuesday night a dejected Berkowitz was finally informed by club manager Graeme Souness that his services would not be required by Southampton.

Ori Lewis

# Braves sweep pair from Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Greg Maddux pitched an eight-hitter in the opener to end his longest losing streak in six years, and Mark Whiten and Marquis Grissom hit seventh-inning home runs in the nightcap to lead the Atlanta Braves to a 2-0, 5-2 doubleheader sweep over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday.

Maddux (11-10) struck out seven and walked one in the 21st shutout of his career, his first since September 5, 1995. Maddux had lost his previous four decisions.

Atlanta scored its runs in the sixth inning on Chipper Jones' RBI single off Rich Hunter (1-3) and a passed ball by Benito Santiago.

In the second game, Matt Beech (1-1) had a three-hit shutout going into the seventh before the Braves rallied. Grissom's homer was his 18th and extended his hitting streak to 18 games.

Dean Hargraves (1-0), the second of five Braves pitchers, got the victory in relief of Mike Bielecki. Mark Wohlers worked the ninth for his 29th save.

Expos 7, Astros 4  
Moises Alou, facing a possible suspension for his part in an ugly brawl with the Astros on Monday, hit a pair of two-run homers to lead the Expos to a home win.

Alou homered off Doug Drabek (6-8) in the first and hit his 16th homer in the second to give Montreal a 7-3 lead. Mike Lansing added a three-run shot during a five-run second for Montreal, which won its third straight.

Pedro Martinez (10-7) allowed four runs and five hits in seven-plus innings to earn just his second win in eight career decisions

against Houston. Mel Rojas got four outs for his 22nd save.

Cubs 3, Mets 2  
Amarty Telemaco allowed just two hits over 7 1/3 innings and visiting Chicago held off a ninth-inning rally.

Telemaco (5-6), a 22-year-old righthander who had two losses and five no-decisions in his last seven starts, struck out five and walked two.

Jose Hernandez and Dave Magadan each hit solo home runs for the Cubs and Luis Gonzales had an RBI groundout.

Dodgers 8, Cardinals 4  
Tim Lincecum drove in two runs, giving him eight RBIs in three games with Los Angeles, in an away victory over St. Louis.

Wallach, called up from the minor leagues on Sunday, had a run-scoring single in the second and walked with the bases loaded off Todd Stottlemyre (10-8) in a six-run third as the Dodgers won their fourth in a row.

Marlins 5, Rockies 0  
Al Leiter pitched seven shutout innings and new third baseman Kurt Abbott drove in two runs to lead Florida to a home win.

Leiter (12-10), who pitched a no-hitter against the Rockies in May, held them to two hits before he departed after throwing 112 pitches. He walked six and struck out seven.

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
White Sox 8, Yankees 4  
Robin Ventura hit his ninth career grand slam and second of the season, giving him a personal-best 27 homers, as Chicago notched a home victory.

Ventura, already the club's career leader in bases-loaded homers, drove a 3-0 pitch from David Weathers (0-2) over the

right-field wall to cap a five-run fifth inning. The shot was preceded by a costly error on Yankees' second baseman Pat Kelly, making just his second start there this season because of an injury.

Red Sox 7, Blue Jays 5  
Wil Cordero, playing his first game since coming off the disabled list, drove in two runs for visiting Boston.

Cordero had been sidelined since May 21 with a fractured right tibia before being activated Monday.

Boston scored four runs in the second inning en route to its ninth win in 11 games.

The forgettable game featured 10 pitchers, one of them an injured starter, all going less than four innings. There were also 13 walks, two errors, two wild pitches, two passed balls, two hit batters and 23 runners left on base.

Orioles 4, Brewers 3  
Host Baltimore used five walks and a sacrifice fly by Roberto Alomar to score three runs in the eighth inning to hand Milwaukee its eighth straight loss.

Baltimore finished with only two hits, but took advantage of 10 walks by four Milwaukee pitchers

to win for the sixth time in eight games.

Jeff Cirillo and Dave Nilsson homered for the Brewers, who are mired in their worst skid since a 14-game losing streak in 1994.

Archie Corbin (1-0) got the last out in the eighth to earn his first major-league win, and Randy Myers got three outs for his 22nd save.

Graeme Lloyd (2-4) took the loss.

The Orioles, striving to become the first major league team to hit two or more homers in 10 straight games, failed to break the record set by the 1962 Cleveland Indians and tied by the 1987 Orioles.

Rangers 6, Tigers 2  
Will Clark's first home run since June 1 snapped a sixth-inning tie and Roger Pavlik picked up his first win in a month as host Texas extended its winning streak to five.

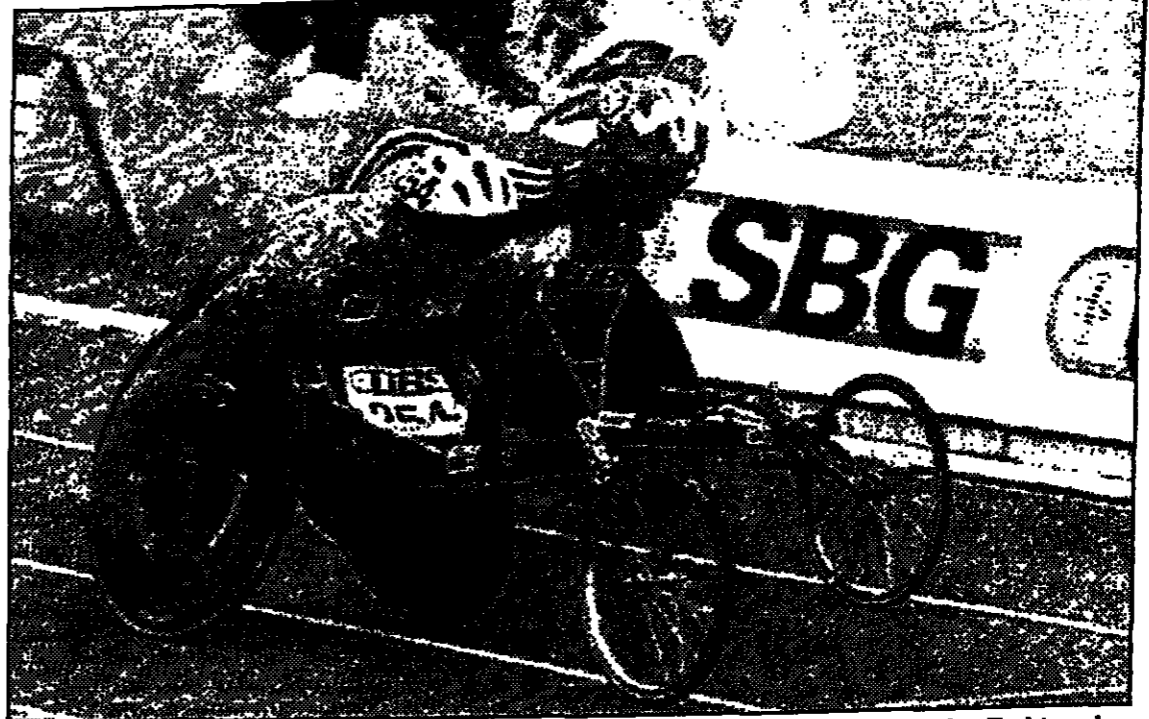
Clark, mired in a 10-for-56 slump, broke a 2-2 tie in the sixth with his seventh homer, a shot into the left-field stands off Omar Olivares (7-8).

Pavlik (13-6) snapped a personal four-game losing skid by allowing two runs in seven innings.

| NATIONAL LEAGUE         |                   | AMERICAN LEAGUE |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Team                    | W-L               | Team            | W-L               |
| <b>East Division</b>    |                   |                 |                   |
| Atlanta                 | 73 45 .619        | New York        | 69 49 .585        |
| Montreal                | 66 52 .559        | Baltimore       | 61 56 .521 7/6    |
| New York                | 56 65 .463 18 1/2 | Boston          | 58 62 .483 12     |
| Florida                 | 55 84 .462 18 1/2 | Toronto         | 54 66 .450 16     |
| Philadelphia            | 48 72 .400 26     | Detroit         | 42 77 .353 27 1/2 |
| <b>Central Division</b> |                   |                 |                   |
| Houston                 | 64 56 .533        | Cleveland       | 72 48 .600        |
| St. Louis               | 63 56 .529 1/2    | Chicago         | 67 53 .558 5      |
| Chicago                 | 59 59 .500 4      | Minnesota       | 59 60 .496 12 1/2 |
| Cincinnati              | 57 58 .496 4 1/2  | Kansas City     | 56 65 .463 16 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh              | 51 68 .429 12 1/2 | Milwaukee       | 55 65 .458 17     |
| <b>West Division</b>    |                   |                 |                   |
| San Diego               | 65 56 .537        | Texas           | 68 52 .567        |
| Los Angeles             | 63 56 .529 1      | Seattle         | 61 57 .517 6      |
| Colorado                | 61 57 .516 2 1/2  | Oakland         | 60 61 .496 8 1/2  |
| San Francisco           | 50 67 .427 13     | California      | 54 65 .454 13 1/2 |

**TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS:**  
Atlanta 2, Philadelphia 0 (1st)  
Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2 (2nd)  
Florida 5, Colorado 0  
Montreal 7, Houston 4  
Cincinnati 10, San Diego 4  
Chicago 3, New York 2  
Los Angeles 8, St. Louis 4  
San Francisco 12, Pittsburgh 10

**TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS:**  
Baltimore 4, Milwaukee 3  
Boston 7, Toronto 5  
Chicago 8, New York 4  
Texas 6, Detroit 2  
California 4, Cleveland 2  
Minnesota 6, Oakland 2  
Seattle 9, Kansas City 5



NEW WORLD RECORD — Franz Nietlispach (1) of Switzerland nips compatriot Heinz Frei to win the men's 1500 meter wheelchair race at the Zurich Grand Prix. Nietlispach set a world mark of 3 minutes, 2 seconds. In Atlanta, the Paralympics start today.

## Olympic champion Bailey beaten in Zurich

ZURICH (Reuters) — Olympic champion Donovan Bailey, tasted defeat in the most lucrative 100 meters of the athletics season yesterday.

Bailey, who set a world record of 9.84 seconds on his way to gold at the Atlanta Olympics, had to settle for second place behind American Dennis Mitchell at the Zurich Grand Prix meeting.

As world and Olympic champion, the Canadian could demand a fee of at least \$75,000 just to step out on the track at the most lucrative meeting in the sport. But Mitchell, fourth in Atlanta, upstaged the world's fastest man by producing a strong final 20m to take the winner's check of \$5,000 after clocking 10.04 seconds.

Bailey was second in 10.06, the same time as Britain's former Olympic champion Linford Christie who was disqualified from the Olympic 100 final after two false starts. Trinidad's Ato Boldon, the Olympic bronze medalist, was fourth in 10.07.

Jamaican Merlene Ottey earned some consolation for her tight defeat by Gail Devers at the Olympics by beating the American in the women's 100m.

Ottey, who lost out to Devers in a photo-finish in Atlanta, powered through the last 20m to dip ahead of the rest of the field in 10.95.

Olympic bronze medalist Gwen Torrance was second one-hundredth of a second behind with Devers third in 11.00.

Russia's double Olympic champion Svetlana Masterkova continued her remarkable season by smashing the women's world mile record in her first race at the distance.

Masterkova, who won the 800 and 1,500m titles at the Atlanta Games, ran most of the second half of the race on her own to clock four minutes 12.56 seconds. The previous best of 4:15.61 was recorded by Paula Ivan of Romania in Nice seven years ago.

Masterkova's record provided a dramatic start to the richest meeting in athletics, boasting an array of Olympic medalists.

Olympic champion Ludmila Engquist crashed out of the women's high hurdles when she lost her balance after hitting the fourth hurdle.

The race was won by Slovenia's Brigita Bukobec in 12.78 seconds.

Olympic men's 110m hurdles champion Allen Johnson had no trouble clearing the hurdles but was beaten into second place by fellow American Jack Pierce.

Pierce, who missed the Atlanta Games after falling at the US trials, came through strongly in the second half of the race to dip ahead of Johnson in 13.21 seconds.

Johnson was second in 13.24, the same time as third-placed American Mark Crear, the Olympic silver medalist. World record holder Colin Jackson finished back in sixth place in 13.40.

While Enqvist's fall cost her a shot at a jackpot of 20 one-kilo gold bars, Germany's Olympic discus champion Lars Riedel and women's Olympic high jump champion Steffa Kostadinova stayed very much in the hunt for the big payout.

Riedel produced his first throw over 70m to win with 71.06 while Bulgarian Kostadinova jumped 2.02m to win.

Athletes who win specific events at all of the Golden Four series in Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin have a chance of a share of the prize worth around \$250,000.

After victories in Oslo, Riedel and Kostadinova were among 10 athletes still in the running for the jackpot at the start of the Zurich event.

The Brussels and Berlin meetings take place later this month.

## Cape Town in race for 2004 Olympics

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) — Cape Town's hopes of becoming the first African city to host the Olympic Games take a step forward today as formal bid documents are presented to the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne.

Cape Town is bidding against 10 other cities for the 2004 Games — Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Lille, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, San Juan, Seville, Stockholm, Rome and St Petersburg.

The next stage is the IOC evaluation commission in December. A short list of four or five will be announced in March or April next year and the winner in September.

Cape Town is in the throes of a violent vigilante anti-drugs and gangsters campaign, local taxi wars and municipal strikes, but Robbie Stewart, a director of the bid company, is not deterred by the adverse publicity. He said, "We don't want to get involved in the specific issues or

## Utd loses to Inter again; Newcastle wins

LONDON (Reuters) — English champions Manchester United lost to Italy's Inter Milan for the second time in two weeks in a pre-season friendly at Old Trafford on Tuesday.

United went down 1-0 to a second-half header from Chilean international Ivan Zamorano, who joined the Serie A side from Real Madrid in the close season.

Inter beat United 3-0 in the first leg of the friendly tie in Italy two weeks ago.

Newcastle put their 4-0 night-mare Charity Shield loss to United behind them with an impressive 2-1 win over Belgian league runners-up Anderlecht.

Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla opened the scoring for Kevin Keegan's side, Anderlecht hit back through Gilles de Bilde but French winger David Gilmore scored the winner for Newcastle.

## Israeli youth grabs gold

HEATHER CHAIT THE LOCAL SCENE

WHILE the Olympic champions are reflecting on their fortunes and pondering the future, the week's successes came from Israel's youth. Yachtsmen Udi Gal (17) and Gidi Kliger (16) picked up the gold medal at the European youth championships in the 420-division in Vienna. Their result comes three weeks after their second-place finish in the world championships in Belgium. The two have been sailing together for just six months and returned home along with their sisters, Karin Gal and Linor Kliger, also a sailing couple.

Yoav is a charmed name among local swimming champions. Fifteen-year-old Yoav Gal from Tivon who trains at Wingate's academy for gifted sportspeople, won the silver medal at the European Youth Championships (17 years) in Copenhagen in the 200 meters backstroke. Gal set a new national record in the under-16 group of 2:04.74, improving his own previous record by 1.7 seconds.

Overall, Israel's swimmers finished 12th out of 40 countries competing in the event.

After Atlanta, Sydney Four athletes left this week to represent Israel in the world youth athletics championships which open on August 21 in Sydney. They are high jumper Adi Mordel (18), long jumper Noam Rabinovich (19), sprinter Debra Mokar (18) and 100m hurdler Anat Morad (17).

Making a pitch in Jericho Jericho will soon have a brand new soccer stadium. The project is a gift from the Japanese government and will cost \$2m.

Opening date is in about three months and will be marked by an international tournament with teams from the Palestinian Authority, the Arab States and Arab Israeli teams participating.

Well done, Gal Over a thousand people flocked to Sdot Yam over the weekend to salute windsurfer Gal Friedman, Israel's bronze medalist from Atlanta. Friedman, doing what he knows best, glided to the shore on his windsurfer, accompanied by a helicopter and three speedboats. On land, coach Gur Steinberg awarded an ounce-size bronze medal, which descended from the helicopter, to his protege.

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# Israel rejects Argentina's claims on embassy blast

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

ISRAEL yesterday rejected claims that the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires was bombed in 1992 from the inside, and not by a car bomb outside the building, as is widely believed.

The government thus ended its four-year public silence on the lack of progress in the investigation into the bombing that killed 29, calling on the Argentinian authorities to demonstrate a "greater effort" in bringing those responsible to justice.

In a statement issued by Foreign Ministry spokesman Danny Shek, he said the investigation has been "conducted in slow motion" and there is "no knowledge of progress in finding the identity of the killers or their superiors."

Argentina's Supreme Court on Tuesday released a study by Argentina's National Academy of Engineers, which claims the bomb went off inside the embassy.

Ambassador to Argentina Yitzhak Aviran told Argentine television yesterday that the report flies in the face of the conclusions reached by "the intelligence services of Argentina, France, Israel and America [which] all know that the attack occurred from the outside."

The Foreign Ministry noted yesterday that fragments of the car bomb were found after the incident. US officials have indicated that they believe the explosion was carried out by Hizbullah.

Aviran charged that the study released by the Argentine Supreme Court was done to cover up its failure to the perpetrators. "I'm really surprised. My feeling is the court is trying to cover up its lack of action during the four years of the investigation," Aviran said.

The investigation was originally

headed by one Argentinian, Justice Ricardo Levene, but he resigned last December and turned the investigation over to the whole nine-member court. No suspects have ever been charged in the case, which was followed two years later by another bomb attack against the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires.

Argentine Justice Julio Nazareno said the engineers' report did not constitute the court's final position on the issue.

"This is not a final hypothesis. It is only the preliminary conclusion of the Argentine experts who worked on the matter," he told Argentine television.

The academy report showed "with a certain degree of certainty the modus operandi [of the attackers], which seems to be linked to an explosion inside the embassy and the consulate," the court said in a public statement earlier on Tuesday.

"It is not possible at this moment to draw any further conclusions," it added.

The court also justified its decision to probe the cause of the explosion. "It is public knowledge that from the start several different hypotheses were handled... [including] the possibility of a suicide bomber or of explosives introduced in various possible ways," the court statement said.

Justice Guillermo Lopez told reporters the probe was carried out with highly sophisticated technology by three academy engineers, in view of discrepancies between the police and border guard teams which previously investigated the blast. "[The engineers] established with 99 percent certainty the exact location and amount of explosives used," said Lopez.



An Ecuadorian artist paints parrot sculptures he is selling at Jerusalem's annual Hutzot Hayotzer Arts and Crafts Fair, which opened this week. Some 150 local artists and 25 foreign artists will be selling their creations during the 10-day event.

# Report: Terror funded by businessmen from US-allied Arab states

MARILYN HENRY NEW YORK

MUCH of the financial support for terrorists who attack Israelis, Americans and Western targets comes from wealthy Arabs from Persian Gulf states allied with the US, *The New York Times* reported in yesterday's editions.

US officials believe that businessmen in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates helped finance the terror activities of Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, charged with masterminding New York's World Trade Center bombing in February 1993 and a plot to blow up 11 American airplanes, the *Times* reported.

Yousef, for three years before his arrest, lived in a Pakistan guest house paid for by Osama Bin Laden, a wealthy businessman who was stripped of his Saudi citizenship in 1994, the *Times* said. Bin Laden is "one of the most significant financial sponsors of Islamic extremist activities in the world," the State Department

said. In a report made public earlier this year, the department linked him to attacks in Egypt and France, to terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and the Sudan, and said he supported a group that tried to bomb US servicemen in Yemen in 1992.

Bin Laden first became deeply involved in the "jihad" against the Soviets in Afghanistan in 1979, according to the State Department. That put him on the side of the US, of which he was otherwise wary because of its support for Israel, the paper said.

Bin Laden, whose wealth has been estimated at more than \$250 million, has denied any involvement in terrorism, the *Times* reported.

Philip C. Wilcox Jr., the head of the department's counterterrorism office, recently told Congress that Hamas and Islamic Holy War receive significant support from individuals in the Persian Gulf as well as in the United States. Some donors believe they are giving money to legitimate charities, while others know they are aiding radical groups, the paper quoted Wilcox as saying.

Trying to stop the privately financed terrorist networks is more complicated than efforts aimed at state sponsors of terrorism, the newspaper reported, quoting former and current US officials. The US can ban suspicious visitors, but seizing their assets requires legal evidence that is unlikely to be available. This is due, in large part, to the reluctance of intelligence agencies to share information, much of which is collected through covert activities and electronic eavesdropping, the *Times* said.

### WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. No change in temperatures.

| Location   | High  | Low   | Conditions    |
|------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Golan      | 18-20 | 10-12 | cloudy        |
| Haifa      | 26-32 | 18-22 | partly cloudy |
| Tiberias   | 22-30 | 14-18 | partly cloudy |
| Azra       | 24-30 | 16-20 | partly cloudy |
| Samartha   | 21-32 | 13-19 | partly cloudy |
| Tel Aviv   | 25-31 | 17-23 | partly cloudy |
| Jerusalem  | 24-31 | 16-22 | partly cloudy |
| Beer Sheva | 22-33 | 15-21 | partly cloudy |
| Dead Sea   | 27-38 | 18-24 | partly cloudy |
| Eilat      | 27-38 | 18-24 | partly cloudy |

### AROUND THE WORLD

| Location      | High | Low | Conditions    |
|---------------|------|-----|---------------|
| Amsterdam     | 14   | 8   | cloudy        |
| Buenos Aires  | 19   | 13  | partly cloudy |
| Chicago       | 23   | 17  | partly cloudy |
| London        | 18   | 12  | partly cloudy |
| Los Angeles   | 24   | 18  | partly cloudy |
| Madrid        | 21   | 15  | partly cloudy |
| Manila        | 28   | 22  | partly cloudy |
| Paris         | 19   | 13  | partly cloudy |
| San Francisco | 20   | 14  | partly cloudy |
| Tokyo         | 25   | 19  | partly cloudy |
| Warsaw        | 16   | 10  | partly cloudy |

### Winning cards

IN yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, the king of hearts, the nine of diamonds, and the nine of clubs.

### Injunction prohibits appointment of ministry deputy director-generals

EVELYN GORDON

SUPREME Court Justice Ya'akov Kedmi issued an interim injunction yesterday which temporarily forbids the government to appoint ministry deputy director-generals without a tender.

The injunction, issued in response to a petition by MK Avraham Poraz (Meretz), will be in force until the court's first hearing on the petition. This hearing will take place on September 1.

Kedmi did not issue a show-cause order on the petition, however, this decision will be left to a three-judge panel.

Poraz had charged in his petition that the cabinet's decision to appoint all deputy director-generals without a tender was made strictly for political reasons: To facilitate the complicated arrangement worked out for sharing the Religious Affairs Ministry, whereby the minister, director-general and deputy director-general will all rotate yearly between Shas and the National Religious Party.

Furthermore, Poraz charged, the decision was made without consulting the Civil Service Commission, and in defiance of the recommendations of two public commissions.

Cabinet secretary Dan Naveh said in response that this decision is not one which by law requires consultation with the Civil Service Commission. The previous government also exempted several positions from the tender process, and it did not consult the commission either, he said.

Naveh also rejected Poraz's charge that the decision would cost the state NIS 7.5 million, since deputy director-generals will have to be hired and paid no matter what hiring method is used.

# IDF plans radical overhaul of Women's Corps

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

AFTER nearly 50 years, the IDF has decided to radically overhaul the Women's Corps, doing away with overlapping positions. OC Women's Corps Brig-Gen. Israela Oron said the country must soon decide whether to open up more combat-related roles to women.

"I am in favor of giving all female soldiers the possibility of utilizing themselves to the fullest," Oron said.

The IDF is to do away with Women's Corps officers and NCOs at the company, battalion and brigade levels, thus firmly planting full responsibility for female soldiers upon their unit commanders.

"The commanders will be responsible in areas where there is no difference between men and women. In areas where there are differences, we want to raise the level of the rank of those dealing with [women] so that they will be more professional and better trained," Oron said.

"I don't know if it is a revolution, but it is a conceptual change accompanied by an

organizational restructuring which aims to improve the status of the female soldier in the army," Oron said.

The reason for the conceptual transformation is based on the history of the Women's Corps in the IDF. When the IDF was formed, some commanders felt that women should serve in the military along the British model, mainly in support units. But there was firm pressure from other commanders who wanted to see the woman integrated along the lines of the Palmach, where women were seen at times as near equals with men fighters.

The resulting compromise saw female soldiers being integrated into all units but at the same time coming under the umbrella of the Women's Corps.

Oron said Women's Corps officers will be kept at the regional command, armies and some divisional levels. They will be an end address for female soldiers who have specifically female problems, Oron said. Otherwise, female soldiers will be

under the direct responsibility of their commanders. The change also means that women soldiers can now, for example, be tried by male commanders.

Speaking to military reporters, Oron said that one in every three conscripts is a woman and that according to current statistics some 70 percent of all eligible women are drafted. This figure includes religious women, but not non-Jews. She said that a 20-year increase in the number of women being drafted had peaked two years ago and has remained static at 70%. This, Oron said, mirrored the reduction in motivation among male recruits and she believes the reasons are the same.

"Regrettably, the IDF has not yet done enough studies on this. The focus has always been placed on combat-related groups," Oron said.

On this note, the highest ranking female officer noted a number of combat-related

roles which have opened up for women recently. These include commanders of military police stations, battalion doctors, spotters and trainers in the engineering corps. There are also reportedly seven women soldiers currently enrolled in the IAF pilot's course.

"Equality is a central value in Israeli society and as one of the main bodies in society we can't ignore this. Still quality cannot come at any price. At the moment, I don't see women serving as fighters in Golan. And I am opposed to assigning women to tasks which are chronically bound to failure. I am in favor of having them serve in tasks where they will have a chance to succeed," Oron said. "I certainly see that there are some combat roles in which the integration of women should be examined."

Meanwhile, one out of every three women soldiers still finds herself in an administrative position. Only 6% have gained positions as instructors in combat units and a mere 2% are trained for technical tasks. The rest are either in courses

or serving in command positions.

Oron said that the political leadership would soon have to decide on just how much it is willing to integrate women into combat roles.

"Our aim is to utilize more female soldiers in roles other than administration," Oron said.

She said the IDF is currently investigating implementing a "differential service" which would give soldiers the option of serving a shorter period of mandatory service or doing a course which would obligate them to sign on for a longer period. But Oron is firmly against doing away with the mandatory draft for women, saying service in the IDF is still highly valued in Israel.

Oron also said there has been a rise in the number of cases of what the army calls "agreed upon relationships" between commanders and female soldiers.

"This is behavior unbecoming of an officer and so we see the commander as responsible," she said.

# High Court to hear petitions on Rehov Bar-Ilan closure today

EVELYN GORDON

A SEVEN-JUSTICE panel will hear four petitions to the High Court of Justice this morning against the closure of Rehov Bar-Ilan during prayer times on Shabbat and holidays.

Three of the petitions were filed by Labor and Meretz MKs or activists, and demand that the street remain open for all of Shabbat. The fourth was filed by a haredi organization, which wants the street closed for all of Shabbat. Both challenge the government's position, which is that the street should be closed only during prayer times, for a four-month trial period.

The court has already issued show-cause orders on the petitions, which shifts the burden of proof from the petitioners to the state.

During a preliminary hearing, the justices said they were particularly concerned over why Traffic Supervisor Alex Langer had suddenly changed his mind. Originally, Langer's position was that Bar-Ilan

should not be closed under any circumstances, because it was a major artery. Shortly after the new government took power, however, he agreed to the partial closure.

The justices said they wanted to know whether there was a valid reason for Langer's change of heart, or whether the motive was purely political.

In an affidavit to the court, Langer said he had not previously appreciated the degree to which having the street open on Shabbat injures the haredim, who constitute virtually the entire population of the street.

Since alternative routes, which add no more than a couple of minutes of travel time, do exist, the damage done to the secular population by a partial closure would be very small, he added.

A partial closure, he said, strikes the proper balance between the competing needs of the religious and secular populations.

# Germans seek five-year sentence for US neo-Nazi

HAMBURG (Reuters) - German prosecutors asked a court yesterday to send US neo-Nazi leader Gary Lauck to jail for five years for playing a key role in smuggling extremist propaganda into Germany.

Prosecutors told the court in Hamburg that Lauck, 43, dubbed the "Farm-belt Fuehrer" by US Nazi watchers, deserved the maximum possible sentence because he had provided the main source of neo-Nazi propaganda in Germany in the last 20 years.

They said Lauck's National Socialist German Workers' Party Foreign Organization (NSDA-PAO) - derived from the full German title of Adolf Hitler's Nazi party - had built up a huge

extremist publishing empire from his home in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Every edition of *National Socialist Battle Cry*, the extreme right-wing party's newspaper, reached some 10,000 readers in Germany, prosecutors said in their summation.

They said Lauck had been in contact with all the leaders of the neo-Nazi scene in Germany. His publications had denied the fact that the Nazis murdered six million Jews - known here as the "Auschwitz Lie" - which is a crime under German law.

Prosecutors have said that he took advantage of the right to freedom of speech in the United States to spread his racist message in

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